

SOLUTION OF A WEAKLY DELAYED DIFFERENCE SYSTEM

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Abstract: The paper solves a weakly delayed difference system

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bx(k-1)$$

where $k = 0, 1, \dots$, $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^3$, $B = (b_{ij})_{i,j=1}^3$ are constant matrices. An explicit solution is given with a discussion on the number of independent initial data.

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1 INTRODUCTION

We investigate a system of difference equations

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bx(k-1), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1)$$

where A and B are 3 by 3 constant matrices with elements a_{ij} and b_{ij} , $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ respectively and the matrix A has real and mutually different eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ and is given in the Jordan form

$$A = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

We assume that (1) is a weakly delayed system in the sense of the following definition.

Definition 1 System (1) is called weakly delayed if the characteristic equations for (1) and for the system without delay

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k)$$

have identical roots, that is, if, for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$,

$$\det(A + \lambda^{-1}B - \lambda I) = \det(A - \lambda I).$$

Applying Definition 1 to system (1) we get conditions under which the system is weakly delayed:

Theorem 1 System (1) is a weakly delayed system if and only if

$$b_{11} = b_{22} = b_{33} = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$b_{12}b_{23}b_{31} + b_{13}b_{21}b_{32} = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$b_{12}b_{21} + b_{13}b_{31} + b_{23}b_{32} = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda_3 b_{12}b_{21} + \lambda_2 b_{13}b_{31} + \lambda_1 b_{23}b_{32} = 0. \quad (6)$$

We omit the proof and referring to [1], Theorem 3.

The purpose of the paper is to give an explicit solution of the initial problem

$$x_i(0) = x_{i,0}, \quad x_i(-1) = x_{i,-1}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (7)$$

to system (1). If the system considered is weakly delayed, some of the initial data in (7) do not influence the solution's behaviour. We discuss this problem as well.

2 RESULTS

System (1) can be transformed into a system without delay. Below we describe this transformation. Taking into account the above mentioned properties of matrix B , we have

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & 0 & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

and its elements satisfy (3)–(6). From these formulas obviously follows that B is a nilpotent matrix (all its eigenvalues are equal to zero). Below we assume that the geometrical multiplicity of the zero eigenvalue equals 2.

I.e., the system (1) is

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(k+1) &= \lambda_1 x_1(k) && + b_{12}x_2(k-1) && + b_{13}x_3(k-1), \\ x_2(k+1) &= && \lambda_2 x_2(k) && + b_{21}x_1(k-1) && + b_{23}x_3(k-1), \\ x_3(k+1) &= && \lambda_3 x_3(k) && + b_{31}x_1(k-1) && + b_{32}x_2(k-1) \end{aligned}$$

with initial data

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(0) &= x_{1,0}, && x_1(-1) &= x_{1,-1}, \\ x_2(0) &= x_{2,0}, && x_2(-1) &= x_{2,-1}, \\ x_3(0) &= x_{3,0}, && x_3(-1) &= x_{3,-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Define new dependent functions z_1 , z_2 and z_3 by formulas

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(k) &= x_1(k-1), && \Rightarrow && z_1(k+1) &= x_1(k), \\ z_2(k) &= x_2(k-1), && \Rightarrow && z_2(k+1) &= x_2(k), \\ z_3(k) &= x_3(k-1), && \Rightarrow && z_3(k+1) &= x_3(k) \end{aligned}$$

and, instead of (1), consider a new system without delay

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(k+1) &= \lambda_1 x_1(k) && + b_{12}z_2(k) && + b_{13}z_3(k), \\ x_2(k+1) &= && \lambda_2 x_2(k) && + b_{21}z_1(k) && + b_{23}z_3(k), \\ x_3(k+1) &= && \lambda_3 x_3(k) && + b_{31}z_1(k) && + b_{32}z_2(k), \\ z_1(k+1) &= && x_1(k), && && \\ z_2(k+1) &= && x_2(k), && && \\ z_3(k+1) &= && x_3(k). && && \end{aligned}$$

Unifying the notation of the dependent variables as

$$y_i(k) = x_i(k), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad y_{j+3}(k) = z_j(k), \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(k+1) &= \lambda_1 y_1(k) && + b_{12} y_5(k) && + b_{13} y_6(k), \\ y_2(k+1) &= \lambda_2 y_2(k) && + b_{21} y_4(k) && + b_{23} y_6(k), \\ y_3(k+1) &= \lambda_3 y_3(k) && + b_{31} y_4(k) && + b_{32} y_5(k), \\ y_4(k+1) &= y_1(k), \\ y_5(k+1) &= y_2(k), \\ y_6(k+1) &= y_3(k). \end{aligned}$$

The matrix form of the last system is

$$y(k+1) = \mathcal{A}y(k) \quad (9)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & b_{21} & 0 & b_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & b_{31} & b_{32} & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \Lambda & B \\ \hline E & \Theta \end{array} \right) \quad (10)$$

or

$$y(k+1) = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda & B \\ E & \Theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot y(k).$$

The initial data for system (9) are

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(0) &= x_1(0), \\ y_2(0) &= x_2(0), \\ y_3(0) &= x_3(0), \\ y_4(0) &= x_1(-1), \\ y_5(0) &= x_2(-1), \\ y_6(0) &= x_3(-1). \end{aligned}$$

We will transform system (9) using $y(k) = Sw(k)$ where S is a regular transient matrix and $w(k)$ is a new dependent vector into a system with a matrix of the Jordan form. We get

$$Sw(k+1) = \mathcal{A}Sw(k)$$

or

$$w(k+1) = \gamma w(k) \quad (11)$$

where

$$\gamma = S^{-1} \mathcal{A} S.$$

with the initial data for (11) being

$$w(0) = S^{-1} y(0).$$

It is easy to prove that the eigenvalues of the matrix \mathcal{A} are $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = \lambda_6 = 0$. Then the solution of the (11) is

$$w(k) = \gamma^k w(0), \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where the powers of γ “transient” forms for $k = 1$ and $k = 2$, i.e.,

$$\gamma = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \Lambda_1 & \Theta \\ \hline \Theta & \Lambda \end{array} \right)$$

and

$$\gamma^2 = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3^2 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \Lambda_1^2 & \Theta \\ \hline \Theta & \Lambda^2 \end{array} \right).$$

For $k \geq 3$ the powers γ^k are given by

$$\gamma^k = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_1^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_2^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3^k \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \Theta & \Theta \\ \hline \Theta & \Lambda^k \end{array} \right).$$

The solution of (9) is

$$y(k) = Sw(k) = S\gamma^k w(0), \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Using an auxiliary matrix

$$Q = \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = (E|\Theta)$$

we can write the solution of the initial system (1) in the form

$$x(k) = QS\gamma^k w(0), \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (12)$$

where

$$w(0) = S^{-1}x(0). \quad (13)$$

Therefore, the following theorem holds.

Theorem 2 *Let matrix A have the form (2) where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are different real numbers, let matrix B have the form (8), with its elements satisfying (4)–(6), and let the geometrical multiplicity of its zero eigenvalue equal 2. Then the solution of system (1) is given by formula (12) with $w(0)$ given by (13).*

The initial-value problem to system (1) is specified by 6 initial values (7). In the case considered the solution determined by (7) depends, for $k \rightarrow \infty$, not on 6 parameters, but only 5 parameters are necessary. This can be seen from system (9) with the matrix \mathcal{A} given by (10). Since in the matrix B only two of its rows are linearly independent, one of the three initial values $y_4(0), y_5(0), y_6(0)$ is unnecessary.

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