

# MEM 255 Introduction to Control Systems: *Modes-eigenvalues & eigenvectors*

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# Outline

- Similarity Transformations
- Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors
- Using MATLAB
- Diagonal Form
- Modes
- Complex eigenvalues



# Similarity Transformations

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx + Du$$

$$x \in R^n, u \in R^m, y \in R^p$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + bu$$

$$y = cx + du$$

Now consider the transformation to new states  $z$ , defined by

$$x = Tz \Leftrightarrow z = T^{-1}x$$

$$\begin{aligned} T\dot{z} &= ATz + Bu & \dot{z} &= T^{-1}ATz + T^{-1}Bu \\ y &= CTz + Du & y &= CTz + Du \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

so that,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z} &= A^*z + B^*u, & A^* &= T^{-1}AT, B^* = T^{-1}B, C^* = CT, D^* = D \\ y &= C^*z + D^*u \end{aligned}$$



# Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

Consider the square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  as a map from  $R^n$  to  $R^n$ , i.e.,

$$y = Ax$$

Does there exist a nontrivial input vector  $h$ , such that the output vector  $y$ , points in the same direction as  $h$ , i.e.,  $y = \lambda h$ ,  $\lambda$  where is some scalar?

$$Ah = \lambda h$$

Let's try to solve for  $h$

$$[\lambda I - A]h = 0 \Rightarrow \text{A nontrivial solution exists iff } \det[\lambda I - A] = 0.$$

Characteristic polynomial  $\phi(\lambda) \triangleq \det[\lambda I - A] = \lambda^n + \alpha_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + \alpha_0$

$\phi(\lambda) = 0$  has  $n$  roots  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ , possibly complex, possibly repeated.

Choose one, say  $\lambda_i$ ,  $i \in \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  and find the corresponding  $h_i$

$$[\lambda_i I - A]h_i = 0$$



# Example 1 (distinct roots)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det[\lambda I - A] = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 5 & -3 \\ -3 & \lambda + 5 \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda + 5)^2 - 9$$

$$\phi(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 10\lambda + 16 = (\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 8) \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = -8}$$

$$[-2I - A]h_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 + 5 & -3 \\ -3 & -2 + 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3\eta_1 - 3\eta_2 &= 0 \\ -3\eta_1 + 3\eta_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \eta_1 = \eta_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{h_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \eta_2}$$

$$[-8I - A]h_1 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} -3\eta_1 - 3\eta_2 &= 0 \\ -3\eta_1 - 3\eta_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \eta_1 = -\eta_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{h_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \eta_2}$$

## Example 2 (repeated roots)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det[\lambda I - A] = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 5 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda + 5 \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda + 5)^2$$

$$\phi(\lambda) = (\lambda + 5)(\lambda + 5) \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_1 = -5, \lambda_2 = -5}$$

$$[-5I - A]h_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -5+5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5+5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ satisfied for any } \eta_1, \eta_2$$

$$h_{1,2} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Choose} \quad \boxed{h_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, h_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

# Diagonal Form

eigen-system of  $A$ :  $\begin{matrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n \\ h_1 & h_2 & \cdots & h_n \end{matrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{eigenvalues} \\ \text{independent eigenvectors} \end{matrix}$

$$T \triangleq [h_1 \ h_2 \ \cdots \ h_n]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow A^* &= [h_1 \ h_2 \ \cdots \ h_n]^{-1} A [h_1 \ h_2 \ \cdots \ h_n] \\ &= [h_1 \ h_2 \ \cdots \ h_n]^{-1} [Ah_1 \ Ah_2 \ \cdots \ Ah_n] \\ &= [h_1 \ h_2 \ \cdots \ h_n]^{-1} [\lambda_1 h_1 \ \lambda_2 h_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n h_n] \end{aligned}$$

$$= [h_1 \ h_2 \ \cdots \ h_n]^{-1} [h_1 \ h_2 \ \cdots \ h_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= diag(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

$$\boxed{\dot{z}_i = \lambda_i z_i + b_i^* u, i=1, \dots, n}$$

A decoupled system  
of  $n$  1<sup>st</sup> order ode's

# Example

Define A

Compute eigensystem

Check similarity trans  $\rightarrow$

Use linear solve rather  
than inv

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>> A=[3 2 1;4 5 6;1 2 3];  
>> [V,D]=eig(A)  
V =  
-0.3482 -0.8581 0.4082  
-0.8704 0.1907 -0.8165  
-0.3482 0.4767 0.4082
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D =  
9.0000 0 0  
0 2.0000 0  
0 0 -0.0000
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>> inv(V)*A*V  
ans =  
9.0000 -0.0000 -0.0000  
-0.0000 2.0000 -0.0000  
-0.0000 -0.0000 -0.0000
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>> V\A*V  
ans =  
9.0000 -0.0000 0.0000  
-0.0000 2.0000 0  
-0.0000 -0.0000 0.0000
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# Modal Coordinates, 1

Consider the system in diagonal form. The  $z$  coordinates are referred to as 'modal coordinates'.

$$\dot{z}_i = \lambda_i z_i + \bar{b}_i u, i = 1, \dots, n$$

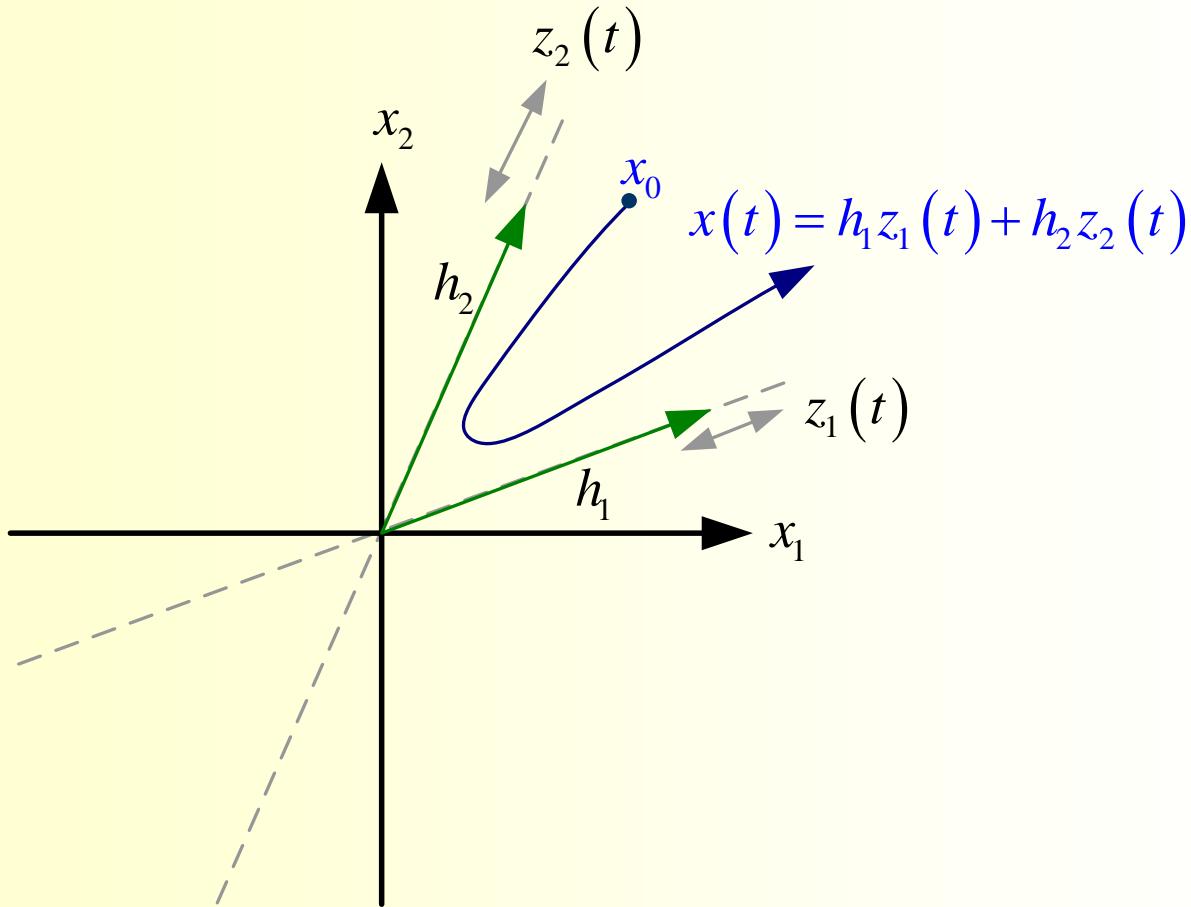
Suppose we solve these equations to obtain  $z_i(t), i = 1, \dots, n$ , then we can obtain the solution in the original coordinates via

$$x(t) = Tz(t) = [h_1 \quad h_2 \quad \cdots \quad h_n] \begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ z_n(t) \end{bmatrix} = h_1 z_1(t) + h_2 z_2(t) + \cdots + h_n z_n(t)$$

Notice that each term  $h_i z_i(t)$  describes a motion that takes place in the line defined by  $h_i$ .



# Model Coordinates, 2



# Modal Coordinates, 3

Suppose the system is unforced,  $u(t) = 0$

The initial conditions for the modal coordinates are  $z_0 = T^{-1}x_0$

The solution is

$$z_i(t) = e^{\lambda_i t} z_{0,i}, i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$x(t) = h_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} z_{0,1} + \dots + h_n e^{\lambda_n t} z_{0,n}$$

The **modes** are the vector time functions  $h_i e^{\lambda_i t}$ ,  $h_i$  is the **mode shape**.

The solution is a linear combination of the modes.

If  $\lambda_i$  is real, so is  $h_i$  and the modal response is a simple exponential.

If there are  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors, then the set of solutions

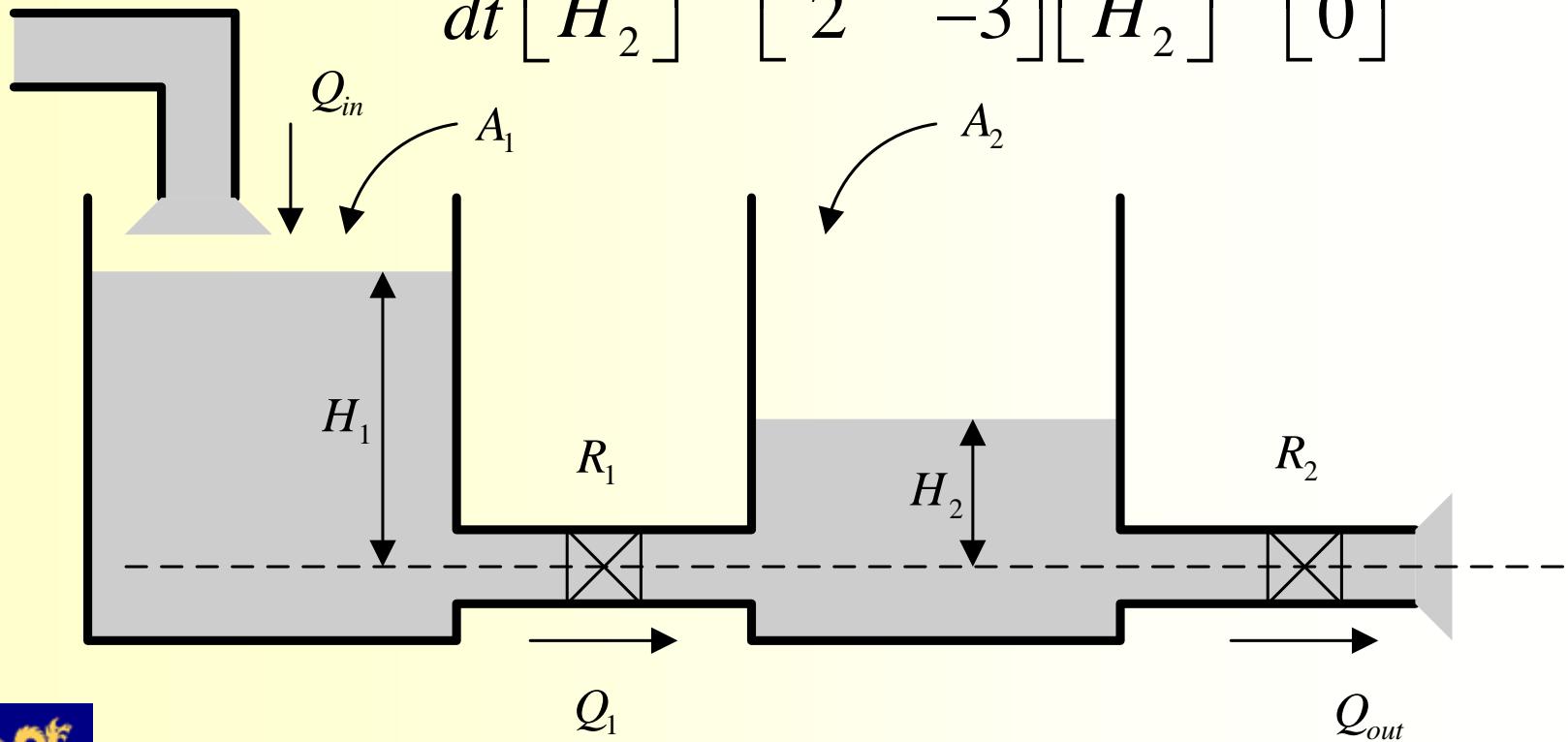
$$\{h_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, h_n e^{\lambda_n t}\}$$

is called a **fundamental set of solutions**. Any solution to the homogeneous equation  $\dot{x} = Ax$  is a linear combination of the fundamental solutions.

# Example

$$A_1 = 1, A_2 = 1/2, R_1 = R_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} Q_{in}$$



# Example Cont'd

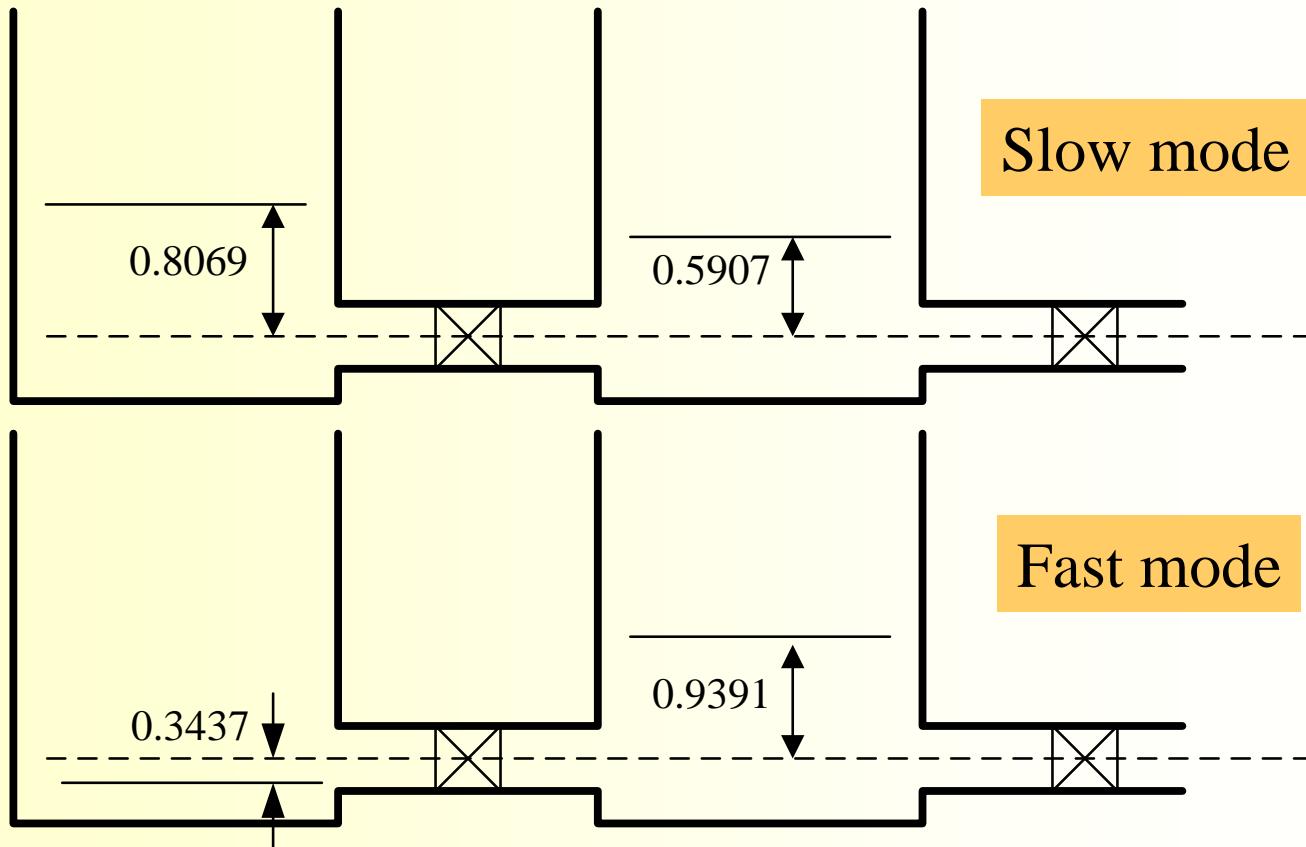
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>> A=[ -1 1;2 -3];  
>> [E,V]=eig(A)  
E =  
    0.8069    -0.3437  
    0.5907     0.9391  
V =  
  
   -0.2679         0  
    0      -3.7321
```

slow mode:  $\lambda_1 = -0.2679$ ,  $h_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8069 \\ 0.5907 \end{bmatrix}$

fast mode:  $\lambda_2 = -3.7321$ ,  $h_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3437 \\ 0.9391 \end{bmatrix}$



# Example, Cont'd



# Complex Modes, 1

If the an eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  is complex, the so is the eigenvector  $h_i$ .

To make things easier to interpret, we can construct real ones.

Suppose  $\lambda_1 = \sigma + j\omega$  is a complex eigenvalue, and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1^*$ . Then

the corresponding eigenvectors are  $h_1, h_2 = h_1^*$ . Correspondingly,

the two fundamental solutions are  $h_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}, h_1^* e^{\lambda_1^* t}$ . They are complex.

We will replace them with real ones.



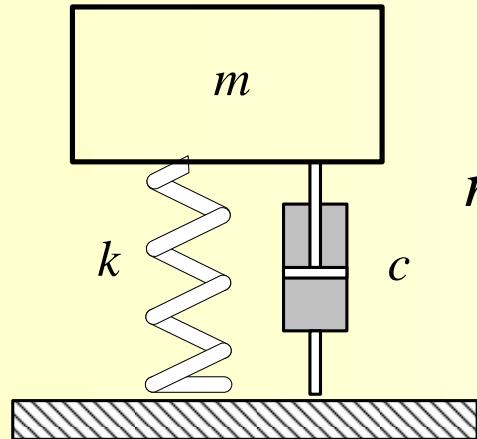
# Complex Modes, 2

Define

$$\begin{aligned}x_1(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( h_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + h_1^* e^{\lambda_1^* t} \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{aligned} &\left( h_{1,R} + j h_{1,I} \right) e^{\sigma t} (\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t) \\&+ \left( h_{1,R} - j h_{1,I} \right) e^{\sigma t} (\cos \omega t - j \sin \omega t) \end{aligned} \right) \\&= h_{1,R} e^{\sigma t} \cos \omega t - h_{1,I} e^{\sigma t} \sin \omega t \\x_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -h_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + h_1^* e^{\lambda_1^* t} \right) = h_{1,R} e^{\sigma t} \sin \omega t + h_{1,I} e^{\sigma t} \cos \omega t\end{aligned}$$



# Example



$$\dot{x} = v$$

$$m\dot{v} = -cv - kx$$

$$m = 1, k = 4, c = 1/2$$

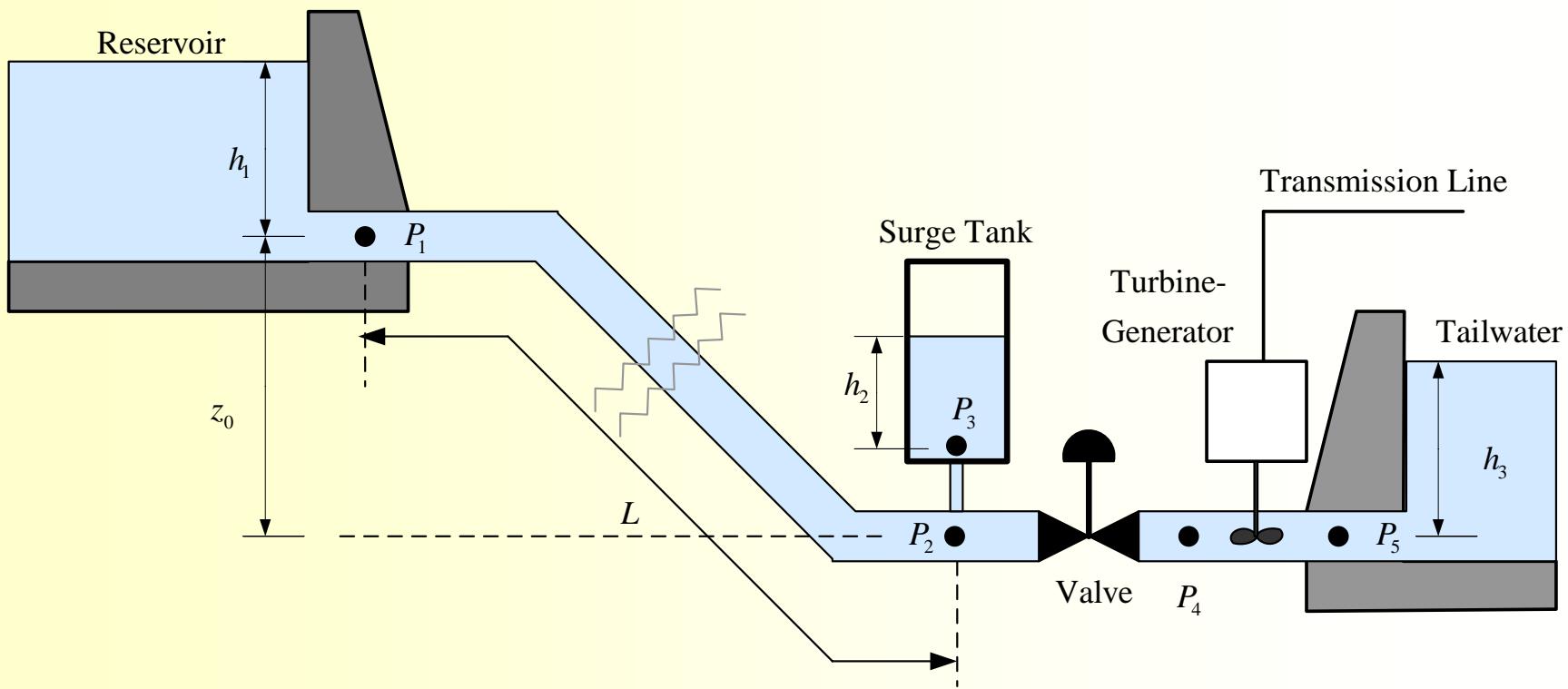
$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_{1,R} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0559 \\ -0.8944 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$h_{1,I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4437 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>> A=[ 0  1 ;-4 -0.5];
>> [E,V]=eig(A)
E =
    0.0559 + 0.4437i   0.0559 - 0.4437i
   -0.8944                  -0.8944
V =
   -0.2500 + 1.9843i      0
       0                  -0.2500 - 1.9843i
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# System



# Differential Equations

$$\dot{h}_2 = \frac{Q_s}{4},$$

$$\dot{Q} = -P_2 / 2 \times 10^5$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega$$

$$\dot{\omega} = \frac{10.2P_4 + 9.8 \times 10^5 Q_t - 10^7 \theta - 10^7 \omega}{9,425,000}$$



# Remaining Elements

Splitter  $Q = Q_s + Q_t$  (mass balance)

Orifice  $Q_s = C_s (P_2 - k_s h_2)$  (flow across orifice  $P_3 = k_s h_2$ )

Valve  $Q_t = \ell(t) Q_{t0} + \frac{1}{2} C_t (P_2 - P_4)$  (throttle valve characteristic)

Turbine  $P_4 - P_5 = C_q Q_t + C_\omega \omega$  (hydro machine characteristic)

Find:  $Q_s, Q_t, P_2, P_4$

Recall the variables  $Q, h_2, \omega, \ell(t)$  are treated as known.



# Sol'ns to Algebraic Equations

$$P_2 = 9.09256h_2 - 0.0018512\ell + 0.0909256Q - 0.00907441\omega$$

$$P_4 = 9.07441h_2 + 0.0185118\omega + 0.0907441Q - 0.0092559\omega$$

$$Q_s = -9.07441h_2 - 0.0185118\ell + 0.909256Q - 0.0907441\omega$$

$$Q_t = 9.07441h_2 + 0.0185118\ell + 0.0907441Q + 0.0907441\omega$$



# State Equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} h_2 \\ Q \\ \theta \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.2686 & 0.227314 & 0 & -0.022686 \\ -0.454628 \times 10^{-4} & -0.104546 \times 10^{-4} & 0 & 4.53721 \times 10^{-8} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0.943556 & 9.43556 \times 10^{-3} & -1.06101 & -1.05157 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_2 \\ Q \\ \theta \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -0.00462795 \\ 9.2559^{-9} \\ 0 \\ 0.00192485 \end{bmatrix} \ell$$

Modes

$-2.25582$	$-0.532 + i0.8853$	$-0.532 - i0.8853$	$-0.150 \times 10^{-4}$	
0.851	-0.007	0.004	0.099	$h_2$
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.990	$Q$
0.213	-0.358	-0.596	0.097	$\theta$
-0.480	0.718	0.0	0.0	$\omega$

# The Matrix Exponential

## Revisited

Recall the matrix exponential:

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{1}{2} A^2 t^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{k!} A^k t^k + \cdots$$

Now, suppose  $T$  is the transformation matrix that diagonalizes the matrix  $A$ ,

$$T^{-1}AT = \Lambda \triangleq \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

Construct  $T^{-1}e^{At}T$

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1}e^{At}T &= T^{-1}IT + T^{-1}ATTt + \frac{1}{2}T^{-1}A^2TTt^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{k!}T^{-1}A^kTTt^k + \cdots \\ &= I + \Lambda t + \frac{1}{2}T^{-1}ATT^{-1}ATTt^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{k!}(T^{-1}AT)^k t^k + \cdots \\ &= I + \Lambda t + \frac{1}{2}\Lambda^2 t^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{k!}\Lambda^k t^k + \cdots \\ &= \text{diag}(e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t}) \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{At} = T \text{diag}(e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t}) T^{-1}$$

# Summary

- Similarity transformations
- Diagonalization using Eigenvectors
- Modes & Modal coordinates
- Interpreting behavior in terms of modes
- Converting complex modes into real ones