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Updated Corrections for the first printing of  
**Linear System Theory, Second Edition**  
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Page 5: Third line from bottom: change  $R^n$  to  $R^m$ .

Page 17 The binomial coefficient should be defined as

$$\binom{k}{r-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{k(k-1) \cdots (k-r+2)}{(r-1)!} = \frac{k!}{(r-1)!(k-r+1)!}, & k \geq r-1 \\ 0, & k < r-1 \end{cases}$$

Page 41: Equation (4): change index range to  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Page 50: Last equation: change  $x_\delta(t)$  to  $y_\delta(t)$ .

Page 59: In the middle two equations: remove the superfluous 2's

Page 61: Eighth line: change ‘proof Lemma’ to ‘proof of Lemma.’

Page 80: First equation: change  $e^{At}$  to  $e^{Jt}$ .

Page 91: First equation: change the numerator to  $-\alpha$ .

Page 97: In Note 5.7, the first result is stated in a misleading, though not exactly incorrect, manner. Consult the cited paper for details.

Page 123: Line below last equation: change ‘Theorem 7.8’ to ‘Theorem 7.9.’

Page 123: In Example 7.10, the conditions on  $a_1(t)$  are contradictory, so we can conclude nothing.

Page 125: Exercise 7.1: change third line to ‘uniform exponential stability?’

Page 138: Exercise 8.4: change ‘Show that not’ to ‘Do.’

Page 141: In Note 8.1, the cited paper by Solo appeared in *Vol. 7, No. 4, pp. 331 - 350, 1994*

Page 163: The argument in the last paragraph is incorrect. Replace by:

‘By the remarks above, there is for each positive integer  $k$  an  $n \times 1$  vector  $x_k$  satisfying

$$\|x_k\| = 1; \quad x_k^T B(t) = 0, \quad t \in [-k, k]$$

In this way we define a bounded (by unity) sequence of  $n \times 1$  vectors  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ , and it follows that there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{k_j}\}_{j=1}^\infty$ . Denote the limit as

$$x_0 = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_{k_j}$$

To prove that  $x_0^T B(t) = 0$  for all  $t$ , suppose we are given any time  $t_a$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $J_a$  such that  $t_a \in [-k_j, k_j]$  for all  $j \geq J_a$ . Therefore  $x_{k_j}^T B(t_a) = 0$  for all  $j \geq J_a$ , which implies, passing to the limit,  $x_0^T B(t_a) = 0$ .’

Page 164: First line: change  $x_1^T$  to  $x_0^T$ .

Page 176: Equation (46) is missing an additional numerator factor of  $(s + 1)$ . Equation (47) is missing the gain factor  $1/(r_1 c_1)$ . The intervening paragraph must be reworded to state that series two-bucket realizations do not exist, but a parallel two-bucket realization does.

Page 259: In Exercise 14.5, replace "Theorem 7.10" by "Theorem 7.11"

Page 310: In Exercise 16.8, replace the given  $G(s)$ , which is not strictly proper, by

$$G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s & s+2 \\ 1 & s+1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s^2+2 & (s+1)^2 \\ (s+1)^2 & 2s^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Page 353: In Exercise 18.6, next-to-last line, replace "prove that" by "does"

Page 364: In the right side of (16), last line, replace "0" by " $Ap_j$ "

Page 543: In Exercise 28.2, replace "from  $V^{-1}V = I$ " by "from  $VV^{-1} = I$ "