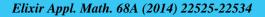


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# Kronecker product rectangular three point boundary value problem

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, existence and uniqueness of solutions to three-point boundary value problems associated with a system of first order rectangular matrix differential equation involving kronecker products by using variation of parameters formula are derived. These generalize the results obtained for three-point boundary value problems involving kronecker products.

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### Introduction

Boundary value problems play an important role in a variety of real world problems. In finding solutions to three-point boundary value problems involving kronecker products, the construction of Green's matrix is vital. It is sufficiently known about the construction of Green's matrix for problems involving non-singular square matrices. However the theory for rectangular matrices involves significant difficulties as the inverse of the matrix in the usual sense, does not exist. In this paper, we establish the solutions of boundary value problems associated with kronecker product system of first order rectangular matrix differential equations. By a suitable transformation, the rectangular matrices are transformed into non-singular square matrices and solutions are finally expressed in terms of the rectangular matrices. In this paper, we consider the following kronecker product three-point boundary value problem

 $(P(t)\otimes Q(t))y'(t) + (R(t)\otimes S(t))y(t) = f(t,y(t)), \ a \le t \le c \qquad (1.1)$ 

 $(M_1 \otimes N_1) y(a) + (M_2 \otimes N_2) y(b) + (M_3 \otimes N_3) y(c) = \alpha,$  (1.2)

where P(t), Q(t), R(t) and S(t) are rectangular matrices of order  $(m \times n)$ , y(t) is of order  $(n^2 \times 1)$ ,  $f: [a, c] \times \mathbb{R}^{n^2} \to \mathbb{R}^{m^2}$  and the components of P(t), Q(t), R(t), S(t) and f are continuous on [a, c], we assume that  $f(t,0) \equiv 0$  for all  $t \in [a, c]$  and f satisfies Lipchitz condition on [a,c]. We also assume that the rows of P(t) and Q(t) are linearly independent on [a,c] and the system (1.1) is consistent.  $M_1$ ,  $N_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $M_3$  and  $N_3$  are matrices of order  $(m \times n)$  and  $\alpha$  is a column matrix of order  $(m^2 \times 1)$ . This paper is organized as follows: In section 2, we develop the general solution of the homogeneous kronecker product system corresponding to (1.1) in terms of a fundamental matrix. We then establish the variation of parameters formula to find the solution of non-homogeneous kronecker product system (1.1). Section3 presents a criteria for the existence and uniqueness of solutions to three-point boundary value problem. We establish the general solution of the three-point kronecker product boundary value problem in terms of an integral representation involving Green's matrix and we also verify the properties of the Green's matrix. The results obtained in this paper are exemplified at the end of this paper.

## General solution of the non-linear kronecker product system

In this section, the general solution of the homogeneous kronecker product system

$$(\mathbf{P}(t) \otimes \mathbf{Q}(t))\mathbf{y}'(t) + (\mathbf{R}(t) \otimes \mathbf{S}(t))\mathbf{y}(t) = 0$$

$$(2.1)$$

is obtained and thereby establish the general solution of the non-linear kronecker product system (3.1.1) using variation of parameters method. Let  $y(t) = (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))^{z(t)}$ . Then the transformed equation of (2.1) is of the form



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$$(P(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T}(t))z'(t) + [(P(t)P^{T'}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T'}(t)) + (R(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes S(t)Q^{T}(t))]^{z(t)} = 0.$$
Since  $P(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T}(t)$  is non-singular, follows that
$$z'(t) = - (P(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T}(t))^{-1} [(P(t)P^{T'}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T'}(t)) + (R(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes S(t)Q^{T}(t))]^{z(t)},$$
i.e.  $z'(t) = -A^{-1}(t)B(t)z(t),$ 
(2.2)
where,  $A(t) = (P(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T}(t)) B(t) = 0.$ 

where,  $A(t) = (P(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T}(t)), B(t) = [(P(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T'}(t)) + (R(t)P^{T'}(t) \otimes S(t)Q^{T'}(t))]$ 

and  $P^{T}(t), Q^{T}(t)$  are the transposes of the matrices P(t) and Q(t).

**Theorem 2.1 :** If the system of equations (2.1) is consistent, then any solution of (2.1) is of the form  $(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)) \Phi(t)k$ , where

 $\Phi(t)$  is a fundamental matrix of (2.2) and k is a constant vector of order (m<sup>2</sup> × 1).

**Proof**: The transformation  $y(t) = (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))^{z(t)}$  transforms (2.1) into (2.2). Since  $\Phi(t)$  is a fundamental matrix of (2.2) it

follows that any solution z(t) is of the form

$$z(t) = \Phi(t) k$$
, where k is a constant vector of order (m<sup>2</sup> × 1)

Hence, 
$$y(t) = \left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \Phi(t) k$$

**Theorem 2.2 :** A particular solution  $\overline{y}$  (t) of (1.1), is of the form

$$\overline{y}^{(t)=} \left( P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t) \right)^{\Phi(t)}$$
$$\int_{a}^{t} \Phi^{-1}^{(s)} \left( P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s) \right)^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds.$$

**Proof :** By the transformation  $y(t) = (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))^{z(t)}$  transforms the equation (1.1) into

$$z'(t) + A^{-1}(t)B(t)z(t) = A^{-1}(t) f(t, (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))z(t))$$
(2.3)

Now we seek a particular solution of (2.3) in the form  $\overline{z}(t) = \Phi(t) K(t)$ . Then

$$\begin{split} \Phi'(t)^{K(t) + \Phi(t)} & K'(t) + A^{-1(t) B(t) \Phi(t) K(t)} = A^{-1(t)} f(t, (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))z(t)) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \Phi(t) K'(t) = A^{-1(t)} f(t, (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))z(t)) \\ \Leftrightarrow & K'(t) = \Phi^{-1(t)} A^{-1(t)} f(t, (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))z(t))^{K(t)} \\ &= \int_{a}^{t} \Phi^{-1} {}^{(s)} (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} \\ & f(s, (P^{T}(s) \otimes Q^{T}(s))z(s))^{ds.} \end{split}$$

Hence, a particular solution of (2.3) is given by

$$\overline{z}^{(t)} = \Phi(t) \int_{a}^{t} \Phi^{-1} (s) \left( P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s) \right)^{-1}$$

$$f(s,(P^{T}(s)\otimes Q^{T}(s))z(s))^{ds}$$

Hence, a particular solution of (1.1) is of the form

$$\overline{\overline{y}}^{(t)=} \left( P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t) \right) \Phi(t)$$

$$\int_{a}^{t} \Phi^{-1} (s) \left( P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s) \right)^{-1} (s) f(s, y(s)) ds$$

**Theorem 2.3:** Any solution of (1.1) is of the form

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \left(\mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}}(t) \otimes \mathbf{Q}^{\mathrm{T}}(t)\right) \Phi(t)^{k + \overline{\mathbf{y}}(t)}$$

where  $\overline{\mathbf{y}}$  (t) is a particular solution of (1.1).

**Proof:** It can easily be verified that  $(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))\Phi(t)^{k+\overline{y}}(t)$  is a solution of (1.1) for any constant vector k. Now to prove that every solution is of the form, let y(t) be any solution of (1.1) and  $\overline{y}(t)$  be a particular solution of (1.1). Then  $(y(t) - \overline{y}(t))$  is a solution of the homogeneous equation (2.1). Any solution of the homogeneous system (2.1) is of the form

$$y(t) - y(t) = \left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \Phi(t)^{k} \quad \text{or}$$
$$y(t) = \left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \Phi(t)^{k} + \overline{y}(t).$$

Hence, any solution of the non-linear kronecker product system (1.1) is of the form

$$y(t) = \left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \Phi(t)^{k+} \left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \Phi(t)$$
$$\int_{a}^{t} \Phi^{-1} {}^{(s)} \left(P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s)\right)^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds.$$

#### Existence and uniqueness of solutions to boundary value problems

In this section, we obtain our main result on existence and uniqueness of solutions associated with kronecker product three point boundary value problems in terms of an integral equation involving Green's matrix.

**Def.3.1:** If  $(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t))\Phi(t)^{k}$  is a fundamental matrix of (1.1), then the matrix D defined by

$$D = (M_1 \otimes N_1) (P^{T}(a) \otimes Q^{T}(a)) \Phi(a)^{+}$$
$$(M_2 \otimes N_2) (P^{T}(b) \otimes Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b)^{+}$$
$$(M_3 \otimes N_3) (P^{T}(C) \otimes Q^{T}(C)) \Phi(c)$$

is called the characteristic matrix for the kronecker product boundary value problem (1.1) and (1.2).

**Def 3.2 :** The dimension of the solution space of the kronecker product boundary value problem is the index of compatibility of the problem. A kronecker product boundary value problem is said to be incompatible if its index of compatibility is zero.

**Theorem 3.1 :** Suppose the kronecker product homogeneous two-point boundary value problem is incompatible and there exists a constant K such that  $\|f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2)\| \le K \|(y_1 - y_2)\|$ 

$$\text{for all } \left(t, y_1\right), \ \left(t, y_2\right) \ \in \ [a, c] \times \ R^{n^2} \ \text{and a constant } M > 0 \ \text{such that} \ \left\|G(t, s)\right\| \le M \ \text{and further suppose that } MK \ (c-a) < 1.$$

Then there exists a unique solution of the kronecker product three point boundary value problem (1.1) & (1.2).

**Proof**: From theorems (2.2) and (2.3), any solution of (1.1) is of the form

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$$J_{a}^{T} = (J)^{T}$$
Substituting the form of c in the general solution of y(t) in (1.1), we get
$$y(t) = (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)) \Phi(t) D^{-1} \alpha - (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)) \Phi(t) D^{-1} (M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b)$$

$$\int_{a}^{b} \Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds - (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)) \Phi(t)$$

$$+ D^{-1} (M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c)$$

$$\int_{a}^{c} \Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds$$

$$+ (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)) \Phi(t) \int_{a}^{t} \Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds.$$

$$= \int_{a}^{c} G(t, s) f(s, y(s)) ds + (P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)) \Phi(t) D^{-1} \alpha$$

$$(P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} f(s, y(s))ds$$

$$= (M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c))\Phi(c) \int_{a}^{c} \Phi^{-1}(s) \qquad (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} f(s, y(s))ds = \alpha$$

$$= D^{-1}\alpha$$

$$= D^{-1}(M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b))\Phi(b) \int_{a}^{b} \Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} f(s, y(s))ds$$

$$= D^{-1}(M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c))\Phi(c)$$

$$= D^{-1}(M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c))\Phi(c)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_1 P^{T}(a) \otimes N_1 Q^{T}(a) \end{pmatrix} \Phi(a)^{k+} \\ \begin{pmatrix} M_2 P^{T}(b) \otimes N_2 Q^{T}(b) \end{pmatrix} \Phi(b)^{k+} \\ \begin{pmatrix} M_3 P^{T}(c) \otimes N_3 Q^{T}(c) \end{pmatrix} \Phi(c)^{k} \\ + \begin{pmatrix} M_2 P^{T}(b) \otimes N_2 Q^{T}(b) \end{pmatrix} \Phi(b) \int_{a}^{b} \Phi^{-1}(s) \\ \begin{pmatrix} P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds \\ + \begin{pmatrix} M_3 P^{T}(c) \otimes N_3 Q^{T}(c) \end{pmatrix} \Phi(c) \int_{a}^{c} \Phi^{-1}(s) \\ \begin{pmatrix} P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds = \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = \left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \Phi(t)^{k} + \left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \Phi(t)$$
$$\int_{a}^{t} \Phi^{-1} (s) \left(P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s)\right)^{-1} f(s, y(s)) ds.$$

Substituting the general form of y(t) in the boundary condition matrix (1.2), we get,

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{s}) &= \begin{cases} \left(P^{T}\left(t\right) \otimes Q^{T}\left(t\right)\right) \Phi(t) D^{-1} \left(M_{1} P^{T}\left(a\right) \otimes N_{1} Q^{T}\left(a\right)\right) \Phi(a) \Phi^{-1}(s) \\ \left(P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s)\right)^{-1} & a < s < t \le b < c \end{cases} \\ &= \left(P^{T}\left(t\right) \otimes Q^{T}\left(t\right)\right) \Phi(t) D^{-1} \left[\left(M_{2} P^{T}\left(b\right) \otimes N_{2} Q^{T}\left(b\right)\right) \Phi(b) + \\ \left(M_{3} P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3} Q^{T}(c)\right) \Phi(c) \right] \\ &= \Phi^{-1}(s) \left(P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s)\right)^{-1} & a \le t < s < b < c \end{cases} \\ &= \left(P^{T}\left(t\right) \otimes Q^{T}\left(t\right)\right) \Phi(t) D^{-1} \left(M_{3} P^{T}\left(c\right) \otimes N_{3} Q^{T}\left(c\right)\right) \Phi(c) \Phi^{-1}(s) \\ &= \left(P^{T}\left(t\right) \otimes Q^{T}\left(t\right)\right) \Phi(t) D^{-1} \left(M_{3} P^{T}\left(c\right) \otimes N_{3} Q^{T}\left(c\right)\right) \Phi(c) \Phi^{-1}(s) \\ &= \left(P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s)\right)^{-1}, \qquad a \le t < b < s < c \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}^{\text{here } \mathbf{t}} \mathbf{t} \in \left[a, b\right] \\ \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{s}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(P^{T}\left(t\right) \otimes Q^{T}\left(t\right)\right) \Phi(t) - \left(P^{T}\left(t\right) \otimes Q^{T}\left(t\right)\right) \Phi(t) \\ D^{-1}\left(M_{3} P^{T}\left(c\right) \otimes N_{3} Q^{T}\left(c\right)\right) \Phi(c) \Phi^{-1}(s) \\ \left(P(s) P^{T}\left(s\right) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}\left(s\right)\right)^{-1}, a < b < s < t \le c \end{cases} \\ = \left(P^{T}\left(t\right) \otimes Q^{T}\left(t\right) \Phi(t) D^{-1}\left(M_{3} P^{T}\left(c\right) \otimes N_{3} Q^{T}\left(c\right)\right) \Phi(c) \\ \Phi^{-1}(s) \left(P(s) P^{T}\left(s\right) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}\left(s\right)\right)^{-1}, a < b \le t < s < c \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\left(P^{T}(t)\otimes Q^{T}(t)\right)\Phi(t)D^{-1}\left(M_{1}P^{T}(a)\otimes N_{1}Q^{T}(a)\right)\Phi(a)\Phi^{-1}(s)\\ (P(s)P^{T}(s)\otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1}, a \leq s < b < t < c \end{cases}$$

where  $t \in [b, c]$ .

Let S be a closed subset of a Banach space B.

Define an operator H:  $S \rightarrow S$  by

<sup>H</sup>
$$\left(\mathbf{y}^{(i)}(\mathbf{t})\right)^{=} \int_{a}^{c} G(t,s) \mathbf{f}(s,\mathbf{y}^{(i-1)}(s)) ds^{+} \left(\mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{t}) \otimes \mathbf{Q}^{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{t})\right) \Phi(\mathbf{t}) \mathbf{D}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| H(y^{(i)}(t)) - H(y^{(i-1)}(t)) \right\| \leq \int_{a}^{c} \|G(t,s)\| \left[ \left\| f(s,y^{(i-1)}(s)) - f(s,y^{(i-2)}(s)) \right\| \right]^{ds.} \\ & \leq MK \| y^{(i-1)}(s) - y^{(i-2)}(s) \| \stackrel{(c-a)}{\dots} \\ & \dots \\ & \leq M^{(i-1)} K^{(i-1)}(c-a)^{(i-1)} \| y^{(1)}(s) - y^{(0)}(s) \| \end{aligned}$$

where M, K are positive constants.

Thus if MK(c-a) < 1, H is a contraction operator. Hence by the Banach fixed point theorem, H has a unique fixed point and this fixed point is the unique solution of the three point kronecker product boundary value problem (1.1) and (1.2). **Theorem 3.2 :** The Green's matrix G(t,s) has the following properties :

(i) The components of G(t,s) regarded as functions of t with s fixed have continuous first derivatives everywhere except at t = s.

At the point t = s, G has an upward jump-discontinuity of magnitude  $\left(P^{T}(t) \otimes Q^{T}(t)\right) \left(P(t)P^{T}(t) \otimes Q(t)Q^{T}(t)\right)^{-1}$ 

(ii) G(t,s) is a formal solution of the kronecker product homogeneous boundary value problem (2.1) satisfying (1.2). G fails to be a true solution because of its discontinuity at t = s.

(iii) G(t,s) satisfying properties (i) and (ii) is unique.

i.e.,  $G(s^+, s)^{-G}(s^-, s)^{-}(P^{T}(s) \otimes Q^{T}(s))$ 

 $(P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1}$ 

**Proof**: First we prove for  $t \in [a,b]$ , For fixed s, the components of G(t, s) have continuous first derivatives with respect to t on each of the subintervals [a,s) and (s,b]. Now consider

$$G(s^{+},s) - G(s^{-},s) =$$

$$(P^{T}(s) \otimes Q^{T}(s)) \Phi(s) D^{-1} (M_{1}P^{T}(a) \otimes N_{1}Q^{T}(a)) \Phi(a) \Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1+}$$

$$(P^{T}(s) \otimes Q^{T}(s)) \Phi(s) D^{-1} [(M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + (M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c)] \Phi^{-1}(s)$$

$$(P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1}$$

$$= (P^{T}(s) \otimes Q^{T}(s)) \Phi(s) \Phi^{-1}(s) D^{-1} D(P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1}$$

$$= (P^{T}(s) \otimes Q^{T}(s)) (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1}.$$

ii) The representation of G(t,s) clearly shows that G(t,s) is a matrix solution of kronecker product homogeneous system (2.1) as [a,s) and (s,b]. We show that G(t,s) satisfies the given boundary condition matrix (1.2); we have

$$(M_{1} \otimes N_{1})^{G(a,s)+} (M_{2} \otimes N_{2})^{G(b,s)+} (M_{3} \otimes N_{3})^{G(c,s)=D} H_{-}^{-} ((M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + (M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c) ) H_{-} + ((M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + (M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c) ) H_{+} = DH_{-} - ((M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + ((M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + ((M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c) ) H_{-} + ((M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + (M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c) ) H_{+} - DD^{-1} ((M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + ((M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c) ) \Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s)P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s)Q^{T}(s))^{-1} + ((M_{2}P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2}Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b) + (M_{3}P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3}Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c) (H_{+} - H_{-}) = 0.$$

Where,

$$H^{+} = D^{-1} (M_{1} P^{T}(a) \otimes N_{1} Q^{T}(a)) \Phi(a) \Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s))^{-1}$$
$$H^{-} = -D^{-1} [(M_{2} P^{T}(b) \otimes N_{2} Q^{T}(b)) \Phi(b)$$
$$+ (M_{3} P^{T}(c) \otimes N_{3} Q^{T}(c)) \Phi(c) ]$$
$$\Phi^{-1}(s) (P(s) P^{T}(s) \otimes Q(s) Q^{T}(s))^{-1}$$

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Similarly, when  $t \in [b, c]$ ,

 $(M_1 \otimes N_1)^{G(a,s)+}(M_2 \otimes N_2)^{G(b,s)+}(M_3 \otimes N_3)^{G(c,s)=0}$ . Thus G is a formal solution of the homogeneous kronecker

product boundary value problem.

iii) Now to prove that G is unique, let G<sub>1</sub>(t,s) and G<sub>2</sub>(t,s) be continuous matrices with properties (i), (ii).

Write  $H(t,s) = G_1(t,s) - G_2(t,s)$ . Clearly G is continuous on [a,s) and (s,b], and H satisfies the kronecker product homogeneous system (2.1) on [a,s) and (s,b]. At the point t = s.

Therefore H has a removable discontinuity at t = s. By defining H appropriately at this point, we ensure that it is continuous for all  $t \in [a,b]$ . Since the boundary condition matrix is linear and H is a linear combination of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_1 \otimes N_1 \end{pmatrix} H(a,s)^+ \begin{pmatrix} M_2 \otimes N_2 \end{pmatrix} H(b,s)^+ \begin{pmatrix} M_3 \otimes N_3 \end{pmatrix} H(c,s) = 0.$$
  
Similarly, when  $t \in [b,c]$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} M_1 \otimes N_1 \end{pmatrix} H(a,s)^+ \begin{pmatrix} M_2 \otimes N_2 \end{pmatrix} H(b,s)^+ \begin{pmatrix} M_3 \otimes N_3 \end{pmatrix} H(c,s) = 0.$ 

Since H is a solution of (2.1), it satisfies the homogeneous boundary condition matrix and from our initial assumption that the homogeneous three point boundary value problem has only a trivial solution, it follows that H(t,s) = 0.

(3.1)

i.e.,  $G_1(t,s) - G_2(t,s) = 0$  implies  $G_1(t,s) = G_2(t,s)$ .

Thus G is unique.

Example 3.1: Consider the boundary value problem

$$(P(t)\otimes Q(t)) y'(t) + (R(t)\otimes S(t)) y(t) = f(t,y(t))$$
Where,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $R = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $S = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 $A = (PP^{T} \otimes QQ^{T}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $B = (PP^{T'} \otimes QQ^{T'}) + (RP^{T} \otimes SQ^{T})$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Now the transformation  $y(t) = (\mathbf{P}^T \otimes \mathbf{Q}^T) z(t)$ . The equation (3.1) becomes

$$Az' + Bz = 0$$
i.e.,  $z' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
(3.2)

Now the fundamental matrix  $\Phi(t)$  for the system(3.2) is given by

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & e^{3t} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{3t} \\ 0 & t & e^{t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{t} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic matrix D is given by

$$D = (M_{1} \otimes N_{1}) (P^{T} \otimes Q^{T}) \Phi(0)^{+} (M_{2} \otimes N_{2})$$

$$(P^{T} \otimes Q^{T}) \Phi(1) + (M_{3} \otimes N_{3}) (P^{T} \otimes Q^{T}) \Phi(2)$$
Where,  $M_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $N_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $M_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $N_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $M_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $N_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

then D = 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2.72 & 423.5 \\ 2 & 1 & 2.72 & 423.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3.72 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4.72 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$D^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ E & F & G & H \\ I & J & K & L \\ M & N & P & Q \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad f(t, y(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ 0 \\ e^{t} \\ e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

where, A = -1, B = 1, C = 0, D = 0, E = 0, F = 0, G = 4.72, H = -3.72, I = 0, J = 0, K = -1, L = 1, M = 0.00472, N = 0.00361, P = -0.00472, Q = 0.00361. Now the solution will be in the form

$$y(t) = \int_{0}^{2} G(t,s)f(s,y(s))ds = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1} \\ A_{2} \\ A_{3} \\ A_{4} \\ A_{5} \\ A_{6} \\ A_{7} \\ A_{8} \\ A_{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where, 
$$A_1 = (M + 7N)e^{5t} - (M + N)s^{-1}e^{4t} + A_2 = (1 + A + 3B)e^{2t} - (M + 3N)e^{5t} - (A + B)e^{t}$$
  
 $(M + N)s^{-1}e^{2t} - (M + N)e^{2t+1-s} - (M + Ns^{-1})e^{4t} + (A + B)s^{-1}e^{-t}$   
 $-(A + B)e^{(1-s-t)} + (M + N)s^{-1}e^{2t} - (M + N)e^{(2t+1-s)}$   
 $A_3 = 0$ ,  $A_4 = -(K + L)s^{-1}e^{2t} + e^{2t} + (K + L)s^{-1} - (K + L)e^{(1-s)}$   
 $A_5 = te^t - (Gt + H)s^{-1}e^t + (K + L)s^{-1}e^{2t} - (Gt + H)e^{-s}$ 

$$+(K+L)s^{-1} + (K+L)e^{(1-s)} - 1$$

$$A_{6} = 0, A_{7} = 0, A_{8} = 0, A_{9} = 0$$
and
$$G(t,s) = \begin{bmatrix}
P_{1} & Q_{1} & R_{1} & S_{1} \\
P_{2} & Q_{2} & R_{2} & S_{2} \\
P_{3} & Q_{3} & R_{3} & S_{3} \\
P_{4} & Q_{4} & R_{4} & S_{4} \\
P_{5} & Q_{5} & R_{5} & S_{5} \\
P_{6} & Q_{6} & R_{6} & S_{6} \\
P_{7} & Q_{7} & R_{7} & S_{7} \\
P_{8} & Q_{8} & R_{8} & S_{8} \\
P_{9} & Q_{9} & R_{9} & S_{9}
\end{bmatrix}$$

where,

$$P_{1} = (M + 7N)e^{3t}, \qquad Q_{1} = -\left( (M + 3N)e^{3t} + 2Me^{(6-3s)} + (M + N)e^{3(1+t+s)} \right) \quad R_{1} = -(M + N)s^{-1}e^{3t} + 2(M + N)e^{3(2-s+t)}$$

$$S_{1} = (M + N)s^{-1}e^{3t} - (M + N)e^{(3t+1-s)} P_{2} = (1 + A + 3B) + (M + 3N)e^{3t},$$
$$Q_{2} = - \begin{pmatrix} (A + 4B) + (M + 4N)e^{3t} + (A + B)e^{3(1-s)} \\ + (M + N)e^{3(1+t-s)} + (A + 3B)e^{(6-3s)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-(M+3N)e^{3(2-s+t)},$$

$$R_{2} = -(A+B)-(M+Ns^{-1})e^{3t}$$

$$S_{2} = (A+B)s^{-1} - (A+B)e^{(1-s)} + (M+N)s^{-1}e^{3t} \quad P_{3} = Q_{3} = R_{3} = S_{3} = 0$$

$$-(M+N)e^{(3t+1-s)}$$

$$P_{4} = Q_{4} = 0, R_{4} = -(K+L)s^{-1}e^{t} + e^{t}$$

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