

## Fundamental matrices.

$$\vec{X}' = P(t) \vec{X}$$

Recall: If  $\vec{X}^{(1)}, \dots, \vec{X}^{(n)}$  are fund. set of solutions. Then  $\mathcal{P}(t) = (\vec{X}^{(1)}, \dots, \vec{X}^{(n)}(t))$  is called fundamental matrix (Wronskian =  $\det(\mathcal{P}(t))$ ).

$$\mathcal{P}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} X_1^{(1)} & \dots & X_1^{(n)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ X_n^{(1)} & \dots & X_n^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note:  $\mathcal{P}'(t) = P(t) \mathcal{P}(t)$  (since  $(\vec{X}^{(i)})' = P(t) \vec{X}^{(i)}$ )

- If  $\mathcal{P}(t)$  is a matrix of functions, with  $\mathcal{P}'(t) = P(t) \mathcal{P}(t)$   $\det(\mathcal{P}(t)) \neq 0$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a fundamental matrix. (Can take this as the definition).

### Basic properties:

- If  $\mathcal{P}$  fund. matrix, and  $C$  (constant) invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \mathcal{P}C$  is a fund. matrix.

$$\text{Pf: } \tilde{\mathcal{P}}' = \mathcal{P}'C = P\mathcal{P}C = P\tilde{\mathcal{P}} \quad \det(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}) = \det(\mathcal{P})\det(C) \neq 0.$$

- Any two fund. matrices are related in this way:

- Given  $t_0$ , there is a unique fund. matrix  $\Phi$  with  $\Phi(t_0) = I$  (Given  $\mathcal{P}$ , take  $\Phi(t) = \mathcal{P}(t)\mathcal{P}(t_0)^{-1}$ ) Normalized fund. matrix.

The solution to  $\vec{X}' = P(t) \vec{X}$ ,  $\vec{X}(t_0) = \vec{\xi}$  is then  $\vec{X}(t) = \Phi(t) \vec{\xi}$

(Check:  $\vec{X}' = \Phi' \vec{\xi} = P\Phi \vec{\xi} = P\vec{X}$ ,  $\vec{X}(t_0) = \Phi(t_0) \vec{\xi} = \vec{\xi}$ .)

Example: Find the normalized fund. matrix for  $\vec{X}' = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \vec{X}$   $t_0 = 0$ .

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are  $r^{(1)} = i$   $\vec{\xi}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$   
 $r^{(2)} = -i$   $\vec{\xi}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$

$\vec{X}^{(1)} = e^{it} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{X}^{(2)} = e^{-it} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$ . (complex solutions).

$\mathcal{P}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{it} & e^{-it} \\ ie^{it} & -ie^{-it} \end{pmatrix}$  is a fund. matrix.

$$\Phi(t) = \varphi(t) \varphi(0)^{-1}$$

$$\varphi(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix} \quad \varphi(0)^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2i} \begin{pmatrix} -i & -1 \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2i} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2i} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(t) = \varphi(t) \varphi(0)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2} & \frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2i} \\ \frac{i(e^{it} - e^{-it})}{2} & \frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

• More generally, consider  $\vec{X}' = A \vec{X}$ ,  $t_0 = 0$  with  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

Normalized fund. matrix  $\Phi(t)$

• If  $n=1$ ,  $A$  is just a number  $\Phi' = A \Phi$ ,  $\Phi(0) = 1$ .  $\Phi(t) = e^{tA}$ .

• This also holds for  $n > 1$  using matrix exponentials.

$$e^C = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} C^k = I + C + \frac{1}{2} C^2 + \frac{1}{3!} C^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(t) = e^{tA} = I + tA + \frac{t^2}{2} A^2 + \frac{t^3}{3!} A^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{check: } \Phi'(t) = 0 + A + tA^2 + \frac{t^2}{2!} A^3 + \dots = A e^{tA} = A \Phi(t)$$

Example:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -I$   $A^3 = AA^2 = -A$   $A^4 = AA^3 = I$   $A^5 = A \dots$

$$A^{2m} = (-1)^m I \quad A^{2m+1} = (-1)^m A$$

$$e^{tA} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} t^k A^k = \underbrace{\left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2m)!} t^{2m} (-1)^m \right)}_{\cos(t)} I + \underbrace{\left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2m+1} (-1)^m}{(2m+1)!} \right)}_{\sin(t)} A$$

$$= \cos(t) I + \sin(t) A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $A$  gets more complicated, can use this in reverse to calculate  $e^{tA}$ , (by calculating

$$\Phi(t) = \varphi(t) \varphi(t_0)^{-1}). \quad \S 7.7$$

Inhomogeneous equations:  $\vec{X}' = P(t) \vec{X} + \vec{g}(t)$ .  $\vec{X}(t_0) = \vec{x}_0$

Let  $\Phi(t)$  be a normalized fund. matrix. Write  $\vec{X}(t) = \Phi(t) \vec{u}(t)$

$$\vec{X}' = \Phi' \vec{u} + \Phi \vec{u}' = P \Phi \vec{u} + \Phi \vec{u}' = P \vec{X} + \Phi \vec{u}'$$



$$P(t)\vec{x}' + \vec{g} = P\vec{x} + \vec{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Condition: } \Phi \vec{u}' = \vec{g} \Rightarrow \vec{u}' = \Phi^{-1} \vec{g}$$

$$\vec{u}'(t) = \Phi(t)^{-1} \vec{g}(t) \text{ integrate from } t_0 \text{ to } t.$$

$$\vec{u}(t) - \vec{x} = \int_{t_0}^t \Phi(s)^{-1} \vec{g}(s) ds \quad \vec{x}(t) = \Phi(t) \left( \vec{x} + \int_{t_0}^t \Phi(s)^{-1} \vec{g}(s) ds \right)$$