

# 11/04 - Linear Systems (8.4, 8.5)

def - suppose  $x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)$  are unknown and differentiable

a linear system of DEs is a set of DEs

$$\begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= a_{11}(t)x_1(t) + a_{12}(t)x_2(t) + \dots + a_{1n}(t)x_n(t) + f_1(t) \\ x_2'(t) &= a_{21}(t)x_1(t) + a_{22}(t)x_2(t) + \dots + a_{2n}(t)x_n(t) + f_2(t) \\ &\vdots \\ x_n'(t) &= a_{n1}(t)x_1(t) + a_{n2}(t)x_2(t) + \dots + a_{nn}(t)x_n(t) + f_n(t) \end{aligned} \quad \text{forcing terms}$$

$$\text{let } \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix} = [x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)]^T \quad \vec{f}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

n-dim vector-valued function

$$A(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(t) & \dots & a_{1n}(t) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1}(t) & \dots & a_{nn}(t) \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} = [a_{ij}(t)]_{n \times n}$$

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{x}(t)) = A(t)\vec{x}(t) + \vec{f}(t)$$

$$n=1 \quad \vec{x}(t) = x_1(t) \quad \vec{f}(t) = f_1(t) \quad A(t) = a_{11}(t)$$

$$\vec{x}'(t) = a_{11}(t)x_1(t) + f_1(t) \quad \text{1st order linear DE}$$

def - if  $\vec{f} \equiv 0$ , then the linear system is homogeneous

$$\text{homogeneous system} \quad \begin{aligned} \vec{x}'(t) &= A\vec{x}(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}(t) &= A\vec{x}(t) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\left(\frac{d}{dt} - A\right)}_{\text{linear transformation}} \vec{x}(t) = 0$$

$A, \frac{d}{dt}$  are linear transformations

$$A(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2)$$

$$= c_1A\vec{v}_1 + c_2A\vec{v}_2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(c_1\vec{v}_1(t) + c_2\vec{v}_2(t))$$

$$= c_1\left(\frac{d}{dt}\vec{v}_1(t)\right) + c_2\left(\frac{d}{dt}\vec{v}_2(t)\right)$$

we know  $\vec{x} \in \ker\left(\frac{d}{dt} - A\right)$ , kernel is a linear subspace

$$\text{if } \vec{x}_1(t), \vec{x}_2(t) \in \ker\left(\frac{d}{dt} - A\right)$$

$$\text{then } c_1\vec{x}_1(t) + c_2\vec{x}_2(t) \in \ker\left(\frac{d}{dt} - A\right)$$

thm (E/U) - suppose  $A(t) = [a_{ij}(t)]_{n \times n}$   $\vec{f}(t) = [f_i(t)]_{n \times 1}$  are continuous

on interval  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$  for  $t_0 \in I$ ,  $\vec{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\vec{x}'(t) = A\vec{x}(t) + \vec{f}(t)$ ,  $\vec{x}(t_0) = \vec{x}_0$  has a unique solution

defined for all  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$

def - a set of vector-valued functions (defined on  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$ )

$\{\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_k(t)\}$  is

1) linearly dependent if there exists  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  s.t. at least one  $c_j \neq 0$   
and  $c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{x}_k = 0$

2) linearly independent if  $c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{x}_k = 0$  if and only if  
 $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$

prop - let  $\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_k(t)$  be solutions to  $\vec{x}'(t) = A \vec{x}(t)$

then if  $\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_k(t)$  is linearly dependent/independent

$\Leftrightarrow \vec{x}_1(t_0), \dots, \vec{x}_k(t_0)$  is linearly dependent/independent

proof: U/E (similar to 2nd order linear DEs)

thm - suppose  $\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_n(t)$  are linearly ind. solutions to  $\vec{x}'(t) = A \vec{x}(t)$   
fundamental set of solutions

if  $\vec{x}(t)$  is a solution then  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + \dots + c_n \vec{x}_n(t)$

prop - (n-dim)  $\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_n(t)$  are n-dim vector-valued functions  
on  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$  are lin. ind.

$\Leftrightarrow W(t) = \det(\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_n(t)) \neq 0$