

10 - linear independence

linear independence

$u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots$ are linearly independent iff $c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2 + c_3 \vec{u}_3 + \dots = 0$ has only solution: $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = \dots = 0$

ex: $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \rightarrow c_2 = 0, c_3 = 0$
 $c_2 + c_3 = 0$
 $-c_1 + c_2 = 0$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ linearly independent ✓

$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{21} & \dots \\ u_{12} & u_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}}_X \rightarrow \text{linearly independent} \iff \det(X) \neq 0$

ex: $e^t, e^{-t}, 1 \rightarrow c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 = 0$ give values to t to construct 3×3 matrix.

$t=0 \quad c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$
 $t=1 \quad c_1 e + \frac{c_2}{e} + c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ e & \frac{1}{e} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{e} & e & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{e} - e & 1 - e \\ 0 & 0 & 2 - e - \frac{1}{e} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $t=-1 \quad \frac{c_1}{e} + c_2 e + c_3 = 0$

\rightarrow they are independent (only solution: $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$)

another way to test functions independence \rightarrow Wronskian determinant $\neq 0$

$\begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t} & 1 \\ (e^t)' & (e^{-t})' & 1' \\ (e^t)'' & (e^{-t})'' & 1'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t} & 1 \\ e^t & -e^{-t} & 0 \\ e^t & e^{-t} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det = 2 \neq 0$
 so they are independent