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## § 7.4 Linear systems

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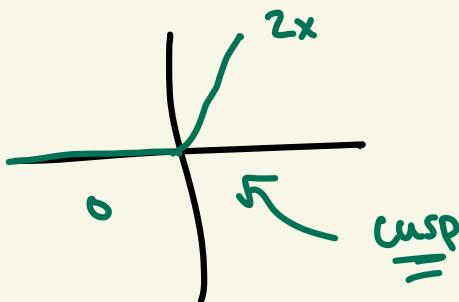
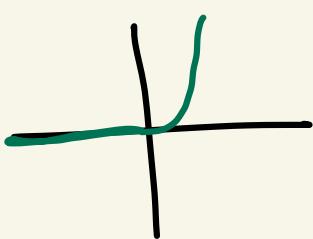
$$\frac{d}{dx} : C^1([a,b]) \rightarrow C^0[a,b]$$

$C^1$ -vectors are differentiable functions on  $[a,b]$  such that

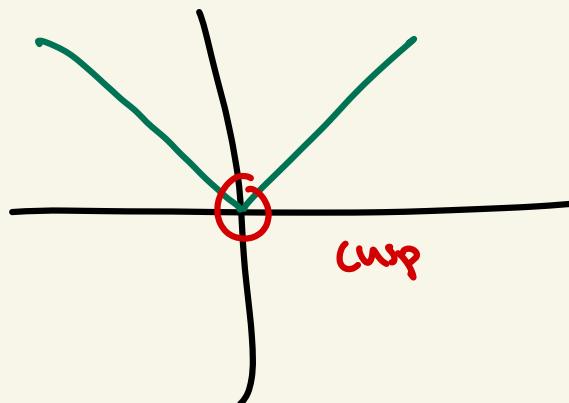
$f'$  is CTS

$$f(x) = \cos x, \sin x, e^x \\ \text{polynomials, etc...}$$

and  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x^2 & x > 0 \end{cases}, f(x) \in C^1$



$$f(x) = |x|, \quad f \notin C^1([-1,1])$$



$C^0([a,b])$  is just CTS functions

$C^1[a,b]$  is a function w/ at least one CTS derivative

$C^2[a,b]$  is the vector space of functions such that

$f''$  is CTS

$C^3[a,b]$  is the vector space of functions such that  $f'''$  is CTS.

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Def  $C^n[a,b]$  is the vector space of functions such that  $f^{(n)}$  exists and is continuous.

Def / Prop

$\frac{d^n}{dx^n} : \underline{C^n[a,b]} \rightarrow C^0[a,b]$   
is a linear transformation.

Note:  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n}$  is cannot have domain  $C^0[a,b]$

$(x) \in C^0$  but  $\frac{d}{dx}(x)$

$$= \begin{cases} -1 & x < 0 \\ \text{undefined} & x = 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

not a function on  $\mathbb{R}$

Def A differential operator is  
a linear function.

$$C^n(x) \longrightarrow C^0(x)$$

of the form

$$D = a_n(x) \frac{d^n}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x) \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1(x) \frac{d}{dx} + a_0(x) \frac{d^0}{dx^0}$$

where  $X = [a, b]$ ,  $(a, b)$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$D(f) = a_n(x) \frac{d^n f}{dx^n} + \dots + a_1(x) \frac{df}{dx} + a_0(x) f(x)$$

Since  $D$  is a linear combination  
if  $a_i(x) \frac{d^i}{dx^i}$ , each of which is  
linear, then  $D$  is linear.

A linear ordinary differential equation  
is of the form

$$D(u) = f \quad \}$$

for  $u \in C^n[a,b]$ ,  $D$  a  
linear operator.

Ex:  $D = 1 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 1 \frac{d^0}{dx^0}$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + u = 3x - 2\cos x$$

$$u'' + u = \underbrace{3x - 2\cos x}_f$$

Ex:  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad D(u) = f$$

Both examples of linear systems  
in general.

Def : Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation.

Then a linear system is an equation of the form  $T(u) = v$  for some  $u \in U, v \in V$ .

Ex  $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$Ax = b$  is a linear system

$D: C^n[a,b] \rightarrow C^0[a,b]$

$D(w) = f$  (d. ord. diff eq).

$f: A \rightarrow B, f^{-1}(b) = \{a \in A | f(a) = b\}$

Solving a linear system  $T(u) = v$ , is the same as finding the preimage of  $v$  under  $T$ .

Def : let  $T: U \rightarrow V$ .

Define the Kernel of  $T$  to be

$$\text{ker}(T) = \{u \in U \mid T(u) = 0\}.$$

Ex A as a matrix,  $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\text{ker}(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$$

=  $\text{ker}(A)$  ← as a transformation

Ex  $D = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{d^0}{dx^0}$   $D(u) = u'' + u$

The kernel of  $D$  is the set of functions in  $C^2[a,b]$

$$\text{S}. \quad D(u) = 0$$

$$u'' + u = 0.$$

(Recall, this is a homog. eq.)

The first step in solving  $T(u) = v$ ,  
 is to usually to solve  $T(u) = 0$ ,  
 i.e. find the kernel of  $T$ .

### Superposition Principle and 7.38

Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$ .  $T(u) = v$   
 a linear system.

①  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace

(if  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \ker(T)$   
 then  $x_0$  is  $c_1 z_1 + \dots + c_n z_n$ )

②  $T(u) = v$  has a solution

if  $v \in \text{img}(T)$

(Really just a definition  
 of  $\text{img}(T)$ )

$$\text{img}(T) = \{v \in V \mid T(u) = v \text{ for some } u\}$$

Superpos.  
principle

③ Solutions to  $T(u) = v$

are of the form

$$u = u^* + z,$$

where  $u^*$  is one particular solution

and  $z \in \ker(T)$ .

Ex Calc III

$$u'' + u = x$$

↓ ①

find one  
solution

Guessing until  
you find one

$$u'' + u = 0$$

↓

finding the  
kernel  
 $\text{if } D = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{d}{dx}$

$$u = u^* + z$$

Matrix systems have the same property!

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xleftarrow{\text{* free}} (A | \vec{b})$$

$$x + z = 2$$

$$y + z = 3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-z \\ 3-z \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{particular solution}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} z}_{\text{every sol A}}$$

$$u = u^* + \vec{z}$$

Thm Let  $T(u) = c_1 f_1 + \dots + c_k f_k$ .

Let  $u_i^*$  be a particular solution

to  $T(u) = f_i$ .

Then the general solution has  
the form

$$u = c_1 u_1^* + \dots + c_k u_k^* + z$$

where  $z \in \ker(T)$ .

Pf  $u = c_1 u_1^* + \dots + c_k u_k^* + z$

is a solution since

$$T(u) = T(c_1 u_1^* + \dots + c_k u_k^* + z)$$

$$= c_1 T(u_1^*) + \dots + c_k T(u_k^*) + T(z)$$

$$= c_1 f_1 + \dots + c_k f_k$$

If  $u$  is the general solution

$$u - c_1 u_1^* - \dots - c_k u_k^* \in \ker(T)$$

$$T(u - c_1 u_1^* - \dots - c_k u_k^*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= T(u) - c_1 T(u_1^*) - c_2 T(u_2^*) \\ &\quad - \dots - c_k T(u_k^*) \end{aligned}$$

$$= T(u) - c_1 f_1 - \dots - c_k f_k$$

$$= c_1 f_1 + \dots + c_k f_k - c_1 t_1 - \dots - c_k t_k$$

$$= 0.$$

$$u - c_1 u_1^* - \dots - c_k u_k^* = z \in \ker(T)$$

$$u = c_1 u_1^* + \dots + c_k u_k^* + z$$

□

Ex :

$$D : C^2[a,b] \rightarrow C^0[a,b]$$

$$D = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{d^0}{dx^0}, D(u) = u'' + u$$

$$D(u) = 3x - 2\cos x, u(x)$$

$$u'' + u = 3x - 2\cos x$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad u'' + u = x \quad \text{particular sol}$$

$$u_1^* = x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad u'' + u = \cos x$$

$$u = a \cos x + b \sin x \quad \times$$

$$u = a x \cos x + b x \sin x \quad a = 0 \\ b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u_2^* = -\frac{1}{2} x \sin x$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad u'' + u = 0$$

$$u'' + u = 0 \quad *$$

$a_n(x) \neq 0$   
 $a_{n-1}(x) \dots$   
 $\cdot a_1(x)$

Thm Let  $D$  be a nonsingular

differential operator

$$C^n[a, b] \rightarrow C^0[a, b]$$

$$D = \underbrace{a_n(x) \frac{d^n}{dx^n} + \dots + a_1(x) \frac{d^1}{dx}}_{a_0(x)}$$

Then  $\ker(D)$  is  $n$ -dim.

$u'' + u = 0$  has 2 independent solutions.

$$u = e^{rx}$$

$$r^2 e^{rx} + e^{rx} = 0 \quad r = \pm i$$

$$(r^2 + 1) e^{rx} = 0 \quad u = e^{ix}$$

$$u = e^{-ix}$$

$$r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$e^{ix} = \underbrace{\cos x + i \sin x}_{\text{example}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{intuitive}$$

$$e^{-ix} = \underbrace{\cos x - i \sin x}_{\text{a general principle}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{ob}$$

$$u = a \cos x + b \sin x$$

is the kernel to D.

Every solution to  $u'' + u = 3x - 2 \cos x$

$$u = a \cos x + b \sin x$$

$$+ 3u_1^* - 2u_2^*$$

$$= \overline{a \cos x + b \sin x + 3x + x \sin x}$$

$$u'' = -u$$