

goal: derive "solution" (i.e. trajectories and flow)
for linear time-varying (LTV) systems

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• consider linear DE $\dot{x}(t) / x(t+1) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t)$
 $y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$

* the "solution" to DE has the same form as LTI case:

$$x(t) = \Phi(t, 0)x_0 + \underbrace{\int_0^t \Phi(t, \tau) B(\tau) u(\tau) d\tau}_{\text{interpret as } \sum_{\tau=0}^{t-1} \Phi(t, \tau+1) B(\tau) u(\tau) \text{ in DT case}}$$

where the state transition matrix $\Phi(t, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ is defined:

$$(\text{DT-LTV}) \quad \underline{\Phi}(t, \tau) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{I}, & t = \tau, \\ A(t-1)A(t-2) \cdots A(\tau), & t > \tau. \end{cases}$$

$$\underbrace{(\text{CT-LTV}) \quad \underline{\Phi}(t, \tau)}_{\text{(Peano-Baker series)}} = \mathbf{I} + \int_{\tau}^t A(s_1) ds_1 + \int_{\tau}^t A(s_1) \int_{\tau}^{s_1} A(s_2) ds_2 ds_1 \\ + \int_{\tau}^t A(s_1) \int_{\tau}^{s_1} A(s_2) \int_{\tau}^{s_2} A(s_3) ds_3 ds_2 ds_1 + \cdots$$

◦ output $y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$
 $= C(t)\underline{\Phi}(t, 0)x_0 + \int_0^t C(t)\underline{\Phi}(t, \tau)B(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau + D(t)u(t)$

◦ flow $\phi(t, \tau, x_0, u) = \underline{\Phi}(t, \tau)x_0 + \int_0^t \underline{\Phi}(t, \sigma)B(\sigma)u(\sigma)d\sigma$

→ compute $D_{x_0}\phi$ * $D_{x_0}\phi(t, \tau, x_0, u) = \underline{\Phi}(t, \tau)$

→ compute $D_u\phi$ (really: $D_{u(s)}\phi$)