

$$L: V = C^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R})$$

$$L(y) = y'' + a_1 y' + a_2 y$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(L)) = 2$$

$$y_1, y_2 \in C^2(\mathbb{R}) \text{ lin indep.}$$

$$c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$c_1 y_1' + c_2 y_2' = 0$$

Wronskian

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow y_1, y_2 \text{ lin indep}$$

if  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathcal{N}(L)$  then  $y_1, y_2 \text{ lin indep} \Rightarrow W(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$ .

Suppose  $W(x_0) = 0$ .

$$\text{then } \exists \begin{matrix} c_1, c_2 \\ \text{nonzero} \end{matrix} \text{ s.t. } \begin{aligned} c_1 y_1(x_0) + c_2 y_2(x_0) &= 0 \\ c_1 y_1'(x_0) + c_2 y_2'(x_0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$$

$$\text{so } y(x_0) = 0, \quad y'(x_0) = 0$$

$$\text{so } y(x) = 0 \quad \forall x. \quad (\text{by uniqueness of soln for } L(y) = 0)$$

$$\text{so } y_1, y_2 \text{ lin dep.}$$

Thus Thm 1: Suppose  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathcal{N}(L)$ . The following are equivalent:

$$\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\} \quad \text{lin. indep.}$$

$$W_{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$W_{\varphi_1, \varphi_2}(x) \neq 0 \quad \text{for some } x_0 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$p(r) = r^2 + a_1 r + a_2, \quad r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow r_1 = \alpha + i\beta, r_2 = \alpha - i\beta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } e^{(\alpha + i\beta)x} &= e^{\alpha x} (\cos \beta x + i \sin \beta x) \\ e^{(\alpha - i\beta)x} &= e^{\alpha x} (\cos \beta x - i \sin \beta x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x \text{ and } e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x \text{ are lin indep \& in } \mathcal{N}(L)$$

So they form a basis as well.

↓ of  $\mathcal{N}(L)$

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1(x) & \varphi_2(x) \\ \varphi_1'(x) & \varphi_2'(x) \end{vmatrix}, \quad W'(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1'(x) & \varphi_2'(x) \\ \varphi_1''(x) & \varphi_2''(x) \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1(x) & \varphi_2(x) \\ \varphi_1''(x) & \varphi_2''(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{take } W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1(x) & \dots & \varphi_n(x) \\ \varphi_1'(x) & \dots & \varphi_n'(x) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)}(x) & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix}, \quad W'(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1'(x) & \dots & \varphi_n'(x) \\ \varphi_1''(x) & \dots & \varphi_n''(x) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)}(x) & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix} + \dots + \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1(x) & \dots & \varphi_n(x) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-2)}(x) & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-2)}(x) \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)}(x) & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det A(x) = \sum_{\sigma \in S} \epsilon(\sigma) a_{1\sigma_1}(x) \dots a_{n\sigma_n}(x)$$

$$(\det A)'(x) = \dots$$

$$\text{So } W' = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 \\ \varphi_1'' & \varphi_2'' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 \\ -a_1 \varphi_1' - a_2 \varphi_1 & -a_1 \varphi_2' - a_2 \varphi_2 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 \\ a_1 \varphi_1' & a_1 \varphi_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} y_1'' & y_2'' \\ -a_1 y_1' - a_2 y_2' & -a_1 y_2' - a_2 y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 y_1' & a_1 y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow W' = -a_1 W.$$

$$\Rightarrow W(x) = c e^{-a_1 x} \quad \text{where } c = e^{a_1 x_0} W(x_0)$$

$$\text{So } W(y_1, y_2)(x) = e^{-a_1(x-x_0)} W(y_1, y_2)(x_0)$$

$$\text{So } W(x) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow W(x_0) \neq 0$$

b.  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1$

$$r^2 - 2r - 3, \quad \text{roots are } 1 \pm \sqrt{1+3} = 1 \pm 2.$$

$$y_1(x) = e^{3x} \quad y_2(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(x) = 3c_1 e^{3x} - c_2 e^{-x}$$

$$3c_1 - c_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{4}, \quad c_2 = -\frac{1}{4}.$$

$$y'' + (4i+1)y' + y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 0$$

$$r^2 + (4i+1)r + 1, \quad \text{roots: } \frac{-(4i+1) \pm \sqrt{-16+8i-4+1}}{2} = \frac{-(4i+1) \pm \sqrt{8i-19}}{2}$$

$$(\alpha + i\beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - \beta^2 + 2i\alpha\beta = -19 + 8i$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \alpha^2 - \beta^2 &= -19 \\ \alpha\beta &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \frac{16}{\alpha^2} + 19 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^4 + 19\alpha^2 - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \frac{-19 \pm \sqrt{19^2 + 64}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \sqrt{\frac{32}{-19 \pm \sqrt{19^2 + 64}}}$$

$$\alpha + i\beta = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \quad \text{where } \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right).$$