

Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations and Applications
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Lecture – 08
Properties of Homogeneous Systems

Hello friends, I welcome you to my lecture on properties of homogeneous system, we shall try to find the all solutions of the homogeneous system given by $\dot{x} = Ax$, where as you know x represents the vector valued function with having an components $x_1(t), x_2(t)$ and so on $x_n(t)$, A is the matrix a_{ij} , where i runs from 1 to n and j runs from 1 to n , so such a system we know is a homogeneous system of first order linear differential equations.

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Now we shall try to find all solutions of $\dot{x} = Ax$ (1)

First we show that constant times of a solution and the sum of two solutions are again solution of (1).

Theorem 1: Let $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ be two solutions of (1). Then

- a) $c x(t)$ is a solution, for any constant c , and
- b) $x(t)+y(t)$ is again a solution.

Lemma : Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. For any vectors x and y and constant c ,

- a) $A(cx)=c(Ax)$ and
- b) $A(x+y)=Ax+Ay$.

Now, first we show that the constant times of a solution and the sum of 2 solutions are again solution of this homogeneous system 1, let us say $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ be any 2 solutions of the homogeneous system 1, then first we show that $c x(t)$ is a solution for any constant c and second is $x(t) + y(t)$ is again a solution. Now, we shall make use of the lemma here, let A be a n by n matrix for any vectors x and y and constant c , $A * cx$ is = c times Ax and $A * x + y = Ax + Ay$.

These are the properties of matrices and they are very simple to prove, so we shall make use of this lemma, now you can see that $\dot{x} = Ax$ gives $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$, so when you take; when you want to prove that $c x(t)$ is a solution, you need to show that $\frac{d}{dt}$ of $c x(t)$ is = $A * c x(t)$

cx_t , okay, so d over dt of cx_t will be c times dx over dt , which will be c times x and c times Ax is $= A$ times cx , so we will get d over dt of $cx_t = A * acx_t$.

And therefore, cx_t is a solution of the differential equation, if $x \text{ dot} = Ax$, now, again if you want to show that $x_t + y_t$ is a solution then if x_t is a solution, then $x \text{ dot} = Ax$ and y_t is a solution means dy over dt is $= Ay$, so if you want to prove that $x_t + y_t$ is the solution, then d over dt of $x_t + y_t$ will be dx_t over $dt + dy_t$ over dt , which will be $= Ax + Ay$ and $Ax + Ay$, you can see in lemma 2, lemma b part, $Ax + Ay$ is $= A * x + y$.

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Corollary of Theorem: Any linear combination of solutions of (1) is again a solution of (1) i.e. if $x^1(t), \dots, x^j(t)$ are solutions of (1), then $c_1x^1(t) + \dots + c_jx^j(t)$ is again a solution for any choice of constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_j .

Example 1: Consider the system of equations

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2, \quad \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -4x_1$$

or
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

So, d over dt of $x + y = A * x + y$ and therefore if x_t and y_t are the solutions of the homogeneous system $x \text{ dot} = Ax$, then $x_t + y_t$ is also a solution of the homogeneous system. Now, let us look at the corollary of this theorem 1, so any linear combination of solutions of 1 is again a solution of 1 that if x_1t, x_2t and so on x_jt are j solutions of equation one, then $c_1 x_1t + c_2 x_2t$ and so on $c_j x_jt$ is again a solution of the equation 1 for any choice of constants; c_1, c_2, c_j .

So, this follows from the theorem 1 because d over dt of $c_1 x_1t +$ and so on $c_j x_jt$ will be $= c_1$ times dx_1 over $dt + c_2$ times dx_2 over $dt +$ and so on c_j times dx_j over dt , now which will be $= c_1$ times $Ax_1t + c_2$ times Ax_2t and so on c_j times Ax_jt , which will be $= A$ operating on $A * c_1x_1t + c_2x_2t$ and so on c_jx_jt , so if x_1t and x_2t and so on x_jt are the solutions of equation 1, then their linear combination is also solution of equation 1.

Now, let us consider, let us take an example here, let us consider the system of equations $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2$, $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -4x_1$, so this you can see is a homogeneous system of 2 linear; 2 differential equations of first order, so this can be written in the vector in the form of the matrix equation, $\frac{dx}{dt} =$ now, here the coefficient of x_1 is 0 , so we have 0 here, coefficient of x_2 is 1 and in the second equation, coefficient of x_1 is -4 , coefficient of x_2 is 0 .

So, we have the coefficient matrix A as $0, 1, -4, 0$; x is x_1, x_2 , so we can write the given system of 2 differential equations in convenient form, which is $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$; A is the matrix $0, 1, -4, 0$.

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This system of equations is obtained from

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4y = 0$$

Hence,
$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2t \\ -2 \sin 2t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \sin 2t \\ 2 \cos 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t \\ -2c_1 \sin 2t + 2c_2 \cos 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

is a solution of (2) for any choice of constants c_1 and c_2 .

Now, this system of equations is obtained from the second order differential equation with constant coefficients, $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4y = 0$, to see this, what we do is; let us put $x_1 = y$.

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Let $x_1 = y$ and $x_2 = \frac{dy}{dt}$
then $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$ and $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} = x_2$
thus, we get $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2$, $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -4y = -4x_1$
 $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = 0$. The auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 4 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow m = \pm 2i$
 $\Rightarrow y = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t$
Let $y_1(t) = \cos 2t$ and $y_2(t) = \sin 2t$
then $x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t \\ -2 \sin 2t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2t \\ 2 \cos 2t \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t \\ -2c_1 \sin 2t + 2c_2 \cos 2t \end{pmatrix}$

Let $x_1 = y$ and $x_2 = \frac{dy}{dt}$, then $\frac{dx_2}{dt}$ will be $= \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$ and $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2$, this is one equation, second equation; $\frac{dx_2}{dt}$ is $= \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$ and we have the second order equation has $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = 0$, so this $= -4y$; $-4y$ means $-4x_1$. So, you can see we get 2 equations; $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2$ and $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -4x_1$.

So, now in order to find the general solution of this system of differential equations, what we notice is that $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = 0$, this is a second order linear differential equation with constant coefficients, so we know how to find a solution, the auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 4 = 0$ which gives us 2 values of $m = \pm 2i$ and therefore, y is $=$ some constant A times $\cos 2t$ + some constant B times $\sin 2t$.

And therefore, $\cos 2t$ and $\sin 2t$ are 2 solutions of this differential equations, now let us say, $y_1 = \cos 2t$ and $y_2 = \sin 2t$, okay, then now we are looking for the solution of the homogeneous system of equations; $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2$, $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -4x_1$, so $x(t)$ will be equal to some constants c_1 times, now, $x_1(t)$, let us take the $x_1(t)$ to be $\cos 2t$, so $\cos 2t$ and then its derivative because x_2 is $= \frac{dx_1}{dt}$, so we get $-2 \sin 2t$ derivative of $\cos 2t$ is $-2 \sin 2t + c_2$ times.

Now, this time we take $x_1(t)$ to be $\sin 2t$ and then derivative of $\frac{dx_1}{dt}$, which give c_2 , this c_2 , so we get the derivative $\sin 2t$ as $2 \cos 2t$ and this gives you $c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t - 2c_1 \sin 2t + 2c_2$

$\cos 2t$, so this gives us a $x(t) =$ this, is the general solution of the given system of equations for any choice of constants, c_1 and c_2 , you can see $x(t)$ is $= -c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t$, then $-2c_1 \sin 2t + 2c_2 \cos 2t$, this is a solution of the given system for any choice of constants c_1 and c_2 .

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Our next step is to determine the number of solutions we must find before we can generate all solutions of (1). For this we will use linear algebra.

Vector space: A vector space (also called linear space) is a set V on which two operations $+$ and \cdot are defined, called vector addition and scalar multiplication.

The operation $+$ (vector addition) must satisfy the following conditions:

Closure: if u and v are any vectors in V , then sum $u+v$ belongs to V .

1) **Commutative law:** $u+v=v+u$, for all $u,v \in V$.

2) **Associative law:** $u+(v+w)=(u+v)+w$, for all $u,v,w \in V$.

3) **Additive identity:** There exists an element denoted by 0 in V such that $0+v=v+0=v$, for all $v \in V$.

Now about the next step is to determine the number of solutions we must find before we can generate all solutions of the system of equations $x \dot{=} Ax$, for this we will have to use a linear algebra, so let us begin with the definition of a vector space, a vector space is also called a linear space, so it is a set B on which we define 2 operations; one is denoted by $+$, the other is denoted by $\dot{=}$, the plus operation is known as the vector addition.

And the $\dot{=}$ is known as scalar multiplication, so with respect to the vector addition operation, there must be the following conditions, this must be satisfied. First is closure; if u and v are any 2 vectors in V , then their sum $u + v$ must be an element of V , then commutative law, $u + v = v + u$ for all u,v belonging to V . Associative law; $u + v + w = u + (v + w)$ for all u,v,w belong to V . Additive identity; there exists an element denoted by 0 in V , such that $0 + v = v + 0 = v$ for all v belonging to V .

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4) Additive inverse: for each vector v in V , the equations $v+x=0$ and $x+v=0$ have a solution x in V , called additive inverse of v and denoted by $-v$.

The operation \cdot (scalar multiplication) must satisfy the following conditions:

- 1) Closure: If $v \in V$ and c be a scalar then $c \cdot v \in V$
- 2) Distributive law: a) $c \cdot (u+v) = c \cdot u + c \cdot v$ for all scalar c and $u, v \in V$.
b) $(c+d) \cdot v = c \cdot v + d \cdot v$, for all scalars c, d and $v \in V$.
- 3) Associative law: $c \cdot (d \cdot v) = (cd) \cdot v$, for all scalars c and d and vector $v \in V$.
- 4) Unitary law: $1 \cdot v = v$ for all $v \in V$.

Additive inverse for each vector v in V , the equations $v + x = 0$ and $x + v = 0$ have a solution x in V , which is called the additive inverse of V and we denoted by $-v$, with respect to the scalar multiplication operation, there must hold the following conditions; closure, if v is an element of V and c be a scalar, then $c \cdot v$ belongs to V . Distributive law; $c \cdot (u + v) = c \cdot u + c \cdot v$ for all scalar c and any vectors u, v belong to V .

And $(c + d) \cdot v = c \cdot v + d \cdot v$ for all scalar c, d and v belongs to V , the associative law; $c \cdot (d \cdot v) = (cd) \cdot v$ for all scalars c and d , and vectors v belong to V and then finally, Unitary law; $1 \cdot v = v$ for all v belonging to V , now you can see that if V denotes the set of all solutions of the homogeneous system, $x \cdot A = Ax$, then V is a vector space because first of all we have already seen that if u and v are any 2 solutions of $x \cdot A = Ax$.

Then, vector addition that is $u + v$ also is an element of V that is $u + v$ is also the solution of V , so V is close with respect to the vector addition operation. Then, if you take any 2 solutions, u and v belonging to V then the commutative law, $u + v = v + u$ is clear, associative law; $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$ for all u, v, w belong to V , if u, v, w are solutions of the equation $x \cdot A = Ax$ then this associative law is also clear.

Now, additive identity, there exists an element denoted by 0 's in V such that $v \cdot 0 + v = v + 0 = V$ for all v belong to V , so here the additive identity in the case of V which is the space of all

solutions of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ is the 0 solution that is $x(t) = 0000$, all the components of the solution $x(t)$ are 0's, so such a solution obviously satisfies the differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, if you put $x = 0$ then \dot{x} is 0.

Because all derivatives; derivatives of all components are 0's and $= A$ times x , so A times 0, 0, so 0 solution obviously satisfies the homogeneous system, so that 0 solution belongs to V and plays the role of the additive identity here, you yield 0 solution to any solution v belonging to V , then you get $v + 0 = v$, so additive identity adjusts in the space V and moreover if v is any solution then $-v$ is also solution.

Because we have already seen that if v is a solution then c times v is a solution of the homogeneous system $\dot{x} = Ax$, takes $c = -1$, so then if v is the solution then $-v$ is also a solution and that $-v$ plays a role of the additive inverse because $v + -v = 0$ solution and $-v + v$ is also $= 0$ which is the additive identity. So, additive inverse adjusts in the space V and we have already seen that x is a; if v is the solution of the homogeneous system, then c times v is the solution of the homogeneous system.

So, closure property holds, then distributive law; $c(u + v) = c.u + c.v$ clearly holds if u and v are any solutions of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$, and c is scalar and if you take any 2 scalars; c and d and v to V any solution of the $\dot{x} = Ax$, then $(c + d).v = c.v + d.v$ is also true and similarly, associative law is true. Unitary law; $1.v = v$ also clearly holds, so if V denotes the space of all solutions of the homogeneous system, $\dot{x} = Ax$.

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Let V be the set of all vector valued solutions

$$x(t) = [x_1(t) \quad x_2(t) \quad \dots \quad x_n(t)]^t$$

of the vector differential equation

$$\dot{x} = Ax, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & & & & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, V is a vector space, now, let V be the set of all vector value solutions, $x^t = x_1^t, x_2^t, \dots, x_n^t$, this is transpose, so that means this is a row vector, when we take transpose, it becomes a column vectors, so x^t is a solution of the space, the equation $\dot{x} = Ax$ and V is the set of all such vector valued solutions of the equations $\dot{x} = Ax$, where A is this n by n matrix vector differential equation.

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then V is a vector space under the usual operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication.

In order to solve the homogeneous linear system of equations (1) we shall use the following theorem :

Theorem (Existence-uniqueness theorem): There exists one and only solution of the initial value problem

$$\dot{x} = Ax, \quad x(t_0) = x^0 = [x_1^0, x_2^0, \dots, x_n^0]^t.$$

Moreover, this solution exists for $-\infty < t < \infty$.

Now, then V is a vector space as I said already under the usual operations of a vector addition and scalar multiplication, now, in order to solve the homogeneous system of; homogeneous linear system of equations $\dot{x} = Ax$, we shall need the following existence uniqueness theorem,

there exist one and only solution of the initial value problem $\dot{x} = Ax$, $x(t_0) = x_0$, where $x(t_0)$ is $\begin{bmatrix} x_{10} \\ x_{20} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n0} \end{bmatrix}$; t is the transpose.

So, when we take the transpose of the row vector, we get the column vector and moreover this solution exist for $-\infty < t < \infty$, the overall values; real values of t , so this t do not confuse this t with this t , okay this t is the independent variable, okay here, now, so we shall know this theorem and in existence ad uniqueness theorem, we have already done for the equation, $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$, so the poof of this theorem follows along similar lines.

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Remark: If $x(t)$ is a non-trivial solution of the IVP, then $x(t) \neq 0$ for any t because if $x(t^*) = 0$ for some t^* , then $x(t)$ must be identically zero, since it, and the trivial solution satisfy the same differential equation and have same value at $t = t^*$.

We know that the space V of all solutions of (1) is a vector space.

In our next result we determine the dimension of V .

Theorem: The dimension of the space V of all solutions of the homogeneous linear system of differential equations (1) is n .

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So, right now we will make use of this theorem, if $x(t)$ is the non-trivial solution, now let us look at this remark if $x(t)$ is the non-trivial solution of the initial value problem, this is the initial value problem $\dot{x} = Ax$, where x at t_0 is given by v vector x_0 , so if $x(t)$ is non-trivial solution of this initial value problem, then $x(t)$ cannot be 0 for any value of t because if $x(t) = 0$, for some value of t say, $t = t^*$, then $x(t)$ must be identically 0.

Because the trivial solution also satisfies the differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$ so, if the trivial solution and then if $x(t^*) = 0$ then the trivial solution and $x(t)$ solution will coincide at $t = t^*$ and so by the uniqueness of the solution it will follow that $x(t) = 0$ for all t , so if $x(t)$ is a non-trivial solution, then $x(t)$ must be $\neq 0$ for any value of t . Now, we know that, we have already seen that the space V of all solutions one is a vector space.

So, now what we are going to do is; now the question is that how many solutions linearly independent solutions of the equation $\dot{x} = Ax$ we must find, so that we can write the general solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$, that question is answered by this theorem. This theorem tells that the dimension of the space V of all solutions of the homogeneous linear system of differential equations one is n , okay.

So, this theorem tells us that if we can find n linearly independent solutions of the homogeneous linear system $\dot{x} = Ax$, then we can write the general solution. The general solution will be a linear combination of those n linearly independent solutions, so this theorem is a very important, let us prove this theorem, so what we do is; in order to prove this theorem, we need to show that the better space V as a basis, which has got n elements, okay

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Let $\phi^j(t)$, $j=1,2,\dots,n$ be the solution of the initial value problem $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$, $x(0) = e^j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ \rightarrow j th row

From the existence and uniqueness theorem $\phi^j(t)$ exists for all t and is unique.

First we show that $\phi^j(t)$, $j=1,2,\dots,n$ are linearly independent.

$c_1\phi^1(t) + c_2\phi^2(t) + \dots + c_n\phi^n(t) = 0, \forall t$

We must show that $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$.

Putting $t=0$, we get $c_1\phi^1(0) + c_2\phi^2(0) + \dots + c_n\phi^n(0) = 0$

$c_1e^1 + c_2e^2 + \dots + c_ne^n = 0$

We know that the vectors e^1, e^2, \dots, e^n are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n so $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$. Thus, $\phi^1(t), \phi^2(t), \dots, \phi^n(t)$ are l.i.

Now we show that any $x(t) \in V$ can be written as a linear combination of $\phi^1(t), \phi^2(t), \dots, \phi^n(t)$.

So, what we do is; let us say, let $\phi^j(t)$, $j = 1, 2$ and so on up to n , okay be the solution of the initial value problem, $\dot{x} = Ax$, $x(0) = e^j$, where e^j denotes the vector, column vector, $0, 0, 0$ and so on 1 ; 1 occurs in the j th row and so on up to 0 , okay and now, from the existence and uniqueness theorem, $\phi^j(t)$ exist for all t and is unique, okay, so let $\phi^j(t)$ be the solution; $\phi^j(t)$, where j runs from $1, 2$ and so on up to n with the solution of the initial value problem.

So, this is the initial value problem, you can see; $dx/dt = Ax$; the value of x at $t = 0$ is the vector e_j , okay, where one occurs in the j through, for example, if you write for $j=1$, then $\phi_j(t)$ and t will be solution of $dx/dt = Ax$ and x at $t = 0$ will be e_1 , then $0, 0, 0, \dots$ ends on up to 0 , so we shall actually show that these n functions $\phi_j(t)$ form basis for the solution; or the vector space V , okay, so if we can show that this n function $\phi_j(t)$ form a basis for the vector space V , then the dimension of V will be $= n$, okay.

From the existence and uniqueness theorem, it follow that $\phi_j(t)$ exists and is unique. Now, what we do is; first we show that these n functions $\phi_j(t)$ are linearly independent; first we show that $\phi_j(t)$, $j = 1, 2$ and so on up to n , these n functions are linearly independent, okay. So, for this, what we will do? Let us write the equation, $c_1 \phi_1(t) + c_2 \phi_2(t) + \dots + c_n \phi_n(t) = 0$, where c_1, c_2, c_n are constants.

So, if we want show that if $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t), \phi_n(t)$ are linearly independent then we must show that c_1, c_2, c_n are all 0 's, so we must show that the c_1, c_2, c_n are all 0 's, now since this equation, $c_1 \phi_1(t) + c_2 \phi_2(t) + \dots + c_n \phi_n(t) = 0$ is valid for all t , okay, let us put $t = 0$ in this equation, so putting $t = 0$, we get $c_1 \phi_1(0) + c_2 \phi_2(0) + \dots + c_n \phi_n(0) = 0$, okay, now $\phi_j(0) = e_j$, okay we get $c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2 + \dots + c_n e_n = 0$.

Now, we know that the vectors e_1, e_2 and so on e_n are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n okay, so c_1 must be $= 0$, c_2 must be $= 0$ and so on c_n must be $= 0$ and thus $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t)$ and so on $\phi_n(t)$ are linearly independent, so thus the n functions, $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t)$ and so on $\phi_n(t)$; $\phi_j(t)$ are linearly independent. Now, we show that any $x(t)$ belonging to V ; V is the space of all solutions of the homogeneous system $\dot{x} = Ax$.

Any $x(t)$ belonging to V can be written as a linear combination of $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t)$ and so on $\phi_n(t)$, so that will mean that the span of the vectors $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t)$ and so on $\phi_n(t)$ is $= V$ and since we have already shown the linear independence of $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t)$ and so on $\phi_n(t)$, it will follow that they form a basis for the vector space V .

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Let $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$
 Then let us construct the function

$$\phi(t) = c_1 \phi^1(t) + c_2 \phi^2(t) + \dots + c_n \phi^n(t)$$
 - then $\phi(t)$ is clearly a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$.

$$\phi(0) = c_1 \phi^1(0) + c_2 \phi^2(0) + \dots + c_n \phi^n(0)$$

$$= c_1 e^1 + c_2 e^2 + \dots + c_n e^n = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + c_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = x$$
 By existence and uniqueness theorem $x(t)$ and $\phi(t)$ must be same. Thus, $x(t) = c_1 \phi^1(t) + c_2 \phi^2(t) + \dots + c_n \phi^n(t)$.
 Hence $\phi^1(t), \phi^2(t), \dots, \phi^n(t)$ form a basis of $\dot{x} = Ax$.
 $\therefore \dim V = n$.

Now, what we do is; let us say that x_0 , okay $= c_1, c_2$ and so on c_n , x_t is any vector belonging to the vector space V , okay, we want to show that x_t is a linear combination of $\phi^1(t), \phi^2(t)$ and so on $\phi^n(t)$, so let us assume that at x_t function at $t = 0$ is given by this column vector c_1, c_2, c_n , then let us construct the function $\phi(t) = c_1 \phi^1(t) + c_2 \phi^2(t) + \dots + c_n \phi^n(t)$. Now, since $\phi^1(t), \phi^2(t)$ and so on $\phi^n(t)$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$, okay.

Then, their linear combination $c_1 \phi^1(t) + c_2 \phi^2(t)$, and so on $c_n \phi^n(t)$ will also be a solution of the equation vector differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, now what we notice is that let us put 0 in this, so then $\phi(t)$ is clearly a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$, now $\phi(0) = c_1 \phi^1(0) + c_2 \phi^2(0)$ and so on $c_n \phi^n(0)$ which is equal to $c_1 e^1 + c_2 e^2$ and so on $c_n e^n$ which is $= c_1 \text{ times } 100, c_2 \text{ times } 0100$ and so on $c_n \text{ times } 00$ and so on 01 .

This will give us c_1, c_2 and so on c_n , which is $= x_0$ by our assumption. So, now what do we notice? We see that $\phi(t)$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$, okay x_t is also a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$ and $\phi(0)$ and x_0 are same, $\phi(0)$ matches with x at $t = 0$, so this means that by the existence and uniqueness theorem, it follows that the solution of the equation $\dot{x} = Ax$ must be unique, therefore $\phi(t)$ must be same as x_t .

So, by existence and uniqueness theorem, $\phi(t)$ must be $= x_t$, x_t and $\phi(t)$ must be identical and thus replacing $\phi(t)$ by x_t here, $x_t = c_1 \phi^1(t) + c_2 \phi^2(t)$ and so on $c_n \phi^n(t)$, so the functions and

functions $\phi_1(t)$, $\phi_2(t)$ and so on $\phi_n(t)$ generate the whole space V that is a linear combination of those n functions gives us any vector $x(t)$ belonging to V , so hence $\phi_1(t)$, $\phi_2(t)$ and so on $\phi_n(t)$ form a bases of $\dot{x} = Ax$ okay.

And which means that dimension of $V = n$, so dimension of the vector space $V = n$, so this means that in order to write the general solution of the vector space V of the vector differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, we need to find n linearly independent solutions of these vector differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$. Now, our next theorem tells us how to check the linear independence of the n solutions of the differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$.

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Since $\dim V=n$, we need to find n linearly independent solutions of (1) in order to write general solution of (1).

The following theorem yields a test for the linear independence of solutions of (1). It turns out that the n solutions x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n of (1) are linearly independent if and only if there values

$x^1(t_0), x^2(t_0), \dots, x^n(t_0)$
at an appropriate t_0 are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .



So, let us go to the theorem, here we have said that since dimension of V is $= n$, we need to find n linearly independent solutions of the system one that is $\dot{x} = Ax$ in order to write the general solution of the equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, so the following theorem yield as a test for the linear independence of solutions of one. It turns out that the n solutions x_1, x_2, x_n of one are linearly independent if and only if their values x_1 at t_0 , x_2 at t_0 and x_n at t_0 at an appropriate t_0 are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

So, you can see the; to check the linear independence of the n solutions, it is very easy what you do, you choose a suitable t_0 , a convenient t_0 , and then evaluate the values of the n functions; x_1 ,

x_2, \dots, x_n at $t = t_0$ and check for the linear independence of the n vectors; $x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0), \dots, x_n(t_0)$ in \mathbb{R}^n , so let us look at the theorem.

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Theorem: Let x^1, x^2, \dots, x^k be k solutions of $\dot{x} = Ax$. Select a convenient t_0 . Then, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^k are linearly independent solutions if, and only if, $x^1(t_0), x^2(t_0), \dots, x^k(t_0)$ are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

Let us assume that $x^1(t_0), x^2(t_0), \dots, x^k(t_0)$ be l.i. vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .
 Assume that x^1, x^2, \dots, x^k be l.d. solutions then \exists scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k , not all zero, such that

$$c_1 x^1 + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_k x^k = 0$$
 Let us put $t = t_0$ in this equation then

$$c_1 x^1(t_0) + c_2 x^2(t_0) + \dots + c_k x^k(t_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^1(t_0), x^2(t_0), \dots, x^k(t_0) \text{ are l.d. vectors in } \mathbb{R}^n$$
 which is a contradiction
 Conversely, let x^1, x^2, \dots, x^k be l.i. solutions of $\dot{x} = Ax$. Assume that $x^1(t_0), x^2(t_0), \dots, x^k(t_0)$ be linearly dependent

This theorem says that if x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k be any k solutions of the vector differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, then select a convenient t_0 , it follows that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k are linearly independent solutions if and only if $x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0), \dots, x_k(t_0)$ are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , so let us assume that $x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0), \dots, x_k(t_0)$ be linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , okay let us assume that $x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0), \dots, x_k(t_0)$ be linearly dependent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

Then we have to prove that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k are linearly independent solutions, so we shall prove it by contradiction method, so assume that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k be linearly dependent; linearly dependent solutions, then why the definition of linear dependence of vectors, then they are adjusted to scalars; c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k not all 0 such that $c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_k x_k = 0$, this equation holds for all t , okay, c_1 ; that is $c_1 x_1(t) = -c_2 x_2(t) - \dots - c_k x_k(t)$ is a function of t .

So, $c_1 x_1(t), c_2 x_2(t), \dots, c_k x_k(t) = 0$, now let us put $t = t_0$ in this equation, then we get $c_1 x_1(t_0) + c_2 x_2(t_0) + \dots + c_k x_k(t_0) = 0$, okay which implies that the k vectors $x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0), \dots, x_k(t_0)$ are linearly dependent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , so which is a contradiction because we have assumed that $x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0), \dots, x_k(t_0)$ are linearly independent, so which is the contradiction and thus it follows that if $x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0), \dots, x_k(t_0)$ are linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

Then, the n functions $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$, and so on the k functions $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$ and so on $x_k(t)$ are linearly independent solutions of the vector differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, now let us prove the converse. So, conversely let us assume that x_1 , x_2 and so on x_k be linearly independent solutions of the vector differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, we have to prove that the k vectors $x_1(t_0)$, $x_2(t_0)$, $x_k(t_0)$ are linearly independent.

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there exist scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k , not all zero such that
 $c_1 x_1(t_0) + c_2 x_2(t_0) + \dots + c_k x_k(t_0) = 0$
 with this choice of constants c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k , let us construct the
 function $\phi(t) = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) + \dots + c_k x_k(t)$
 then $\phi(t)$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$
 Moreover $\phi(t_0) = c_1 x_1(t_0) + c_2 x_2(t_0) + \dots + c_k x_k(t_0)$
 $= 0$
 by existence and uniqueness theorem
 $\phi(t) = 0$, for all t
 $\Rightarrow c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) + \dots + c_k x_k(t) = 0, \forall t$
 $\Rightarrow x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_k(t)$ are l.i.d.
 \Rightarrow A contradiction!

So, let us assume that the k vectors $x_1(t_0)$, $x_2(t_0)$, and so on $x_k(t_0)$ be linearly dependent, okay, so again we shall have to arrive at a contradiction in order to prove the result, so by the definition of linear dependence, there exist scalars, c_1 , c_2 and so on c_k not all 0 such that c_1 times $x_1(t_0) + c_2$ times $x_2(t_0)$ and so on c_k times $x_k(t_0) = 0$, okay. Now, what we do is; so with these choice of constant c_1 , c_2 , c_k ; with this choice of; let us construct the function $\phi(t) = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t)$ and so on $c_k x_k(t)$, okay.

Then, since $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$, $x_k(t)$ are solutions of the vector differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, okay, it follow that $\phi(t)$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$, so then $\phi(t)$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$, more over $\phi(t_0) = c_1 x_1(t_0) + c_2 x_2(t_0) + \dots + c_k x_k(t_0) = 0$, is it, $c_1 x_1(t_0) + c_2 x_2(t_0) + \dots + c_k x_k(t_0) = 0$, so $\phi(t_0) = 0$, so what happens is that $\phi(t)$ is the solution of the differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$ such that $\phi(t_0) = 0$ and this means that $\phi(t)$ must be 0 for all values of t , okay.

So, by existence and uniqueness theorem, $\phi(t)$ and the trivial solution must be the same, so $\phi(t) = 0$ for all t , okay and which implies that $c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) + \dots + c_k x_k(t) = 0$ for all t and this tells us that the k functions $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$, and so on $x_k(t)$ are linearly dependent, okay and so we get a contradiction, so this proves the theorem. The k functions $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$, $x_k(t)$ are linearly independent if only if at an appropriate t_0 , the k vectors; $x_1(t_0)$, $x_2(t_0)$ and so on $x_k(t_0)$ are linearly independent.

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Example 2: Consider the system of differential equations

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2, \quad \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -x_1 - 2x_2$$

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

This system of equations has been obtained from the single second order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0$$

$x_1 = y, \quad x_2 = \frac{dy}{dt}$
 $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2, \quad \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -2x_2 - x_1$
 $m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1, -1$

Now, let us consider the system of differential equations, $dx_1/dt = x_2$ and $dx_2/dt = -x_1 - 2x_2$, you can see we can write this in the vector differential equation form, $dx/dt =$ now, coefficient of x_1 is 0 here, so 0 coefficient of x_2 is 1 and then here coefficient of x_1 is -1, coefficient of x_2 is -2, so the matrix A is 0 1, -1, -2, now this system of equations has been obtained from the single second order differential equation, $d^2 y/dt^2 + 2 dy/dt + y = 0$.

You can see, here if you take $x_1 = y$, $x_2 = dy/dt$, then what you get? $dx_1/dt = dy/dt$, which is $= x_2$ and dx_2/dt will be $= d^2 y/dt^2$ which is $= -2 dy/dt - y$, so $-x_1 - 2x_2$, so you can see we have $dx_1/dt = x_2$ $dx_2/dt = -x_1 - 2x_2$, so this system of differential equations has been obtained from the single second order differential equation $d^2 y/dt^2 + 2dy/dt + y = 0$, let us find the solution of this differential equation; system of differential equation.

So, what we will do is; we will find first the solution of this second order differential equation which is a differential equation of second order with constant coefficients, so we will do is; we

can write the auxiliary equation here, we have $m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0$ which gives us $m = -1, -1$, so 2 values are m are same.

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$y(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-t}$
 $y_1(t) = e^{-t}, y_2(t) = te^{-t}$
 $x^1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}, x^2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} te^{-t} \\ (1-t)e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$
 let $t=0$ then $x^1(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, x^2(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0, c_2 = c_1 = 0$
 \Rightarrow Hence $x^1(0)$ and $x^2(0)$ are l.i. in \mathbb{R}^2
 $\Rightarrow x^1(t), x^2(t)$ are L.I.
 The general solution
 $x(t) = c_1 x^1(t) + c_2 x^2(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} te^{-t} \\ (1-t)e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} (c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-t} \\ (c_1 - c_2 t)e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$

And therefore, the solution; general solution of this second order differential equation will be $y = c_1 + c_2 t * e^{-t}$, so we can get 2 solutions of this second order differential equation as $y_1(t) = e^{-t}$ and $y_2(t) = t e^{-t}$, okay. Now, so we can get solutions of; we can get 2 solutions; $x_1(t) = e^{-t}$ and $x_2(t) = t e^{-t}$ and then we differentiate $t e^{-t}$ over dt of $t e^{-t}$ is 1.

So, we get e^{-t} and then we get $t e^{-t}$, it should be $(1-t) e^{-t}$, so we get $(1-t) e^{-t}$, okay. Now, we can see the linear independence of these 2 solutions of the differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$, okay, what we do is; we choose a suitable value of t , just take $t = 0$, so then $x_1(0) = 1$, $x_2(0) = 0$ and here we will get 1, okay.

So, 1 and 0 , we have to show that these 2 are linearly independent, so $c_1 * 1 + c_2 * 0 = 0$ gives us what you have? $c_1 = 0$, so $c_1 = 0$ and then here $-c_1 + c_2 = 0$; $0 = 0$ okay, so this implies $c_1 = 0$ and $c_2 = c_1$, since c_1 is 0, c_2 is also 0, so we get c_1 and c_2 both

are zeros and hence, x_{10} and x_{20} , the 2 vectors are linearly independent in \mathbb{R}^2 . So, by the theorem, which we have just now done, if k vector is x_1, x_2, x_k at $t = t_0$ are linearly independent.

Then, the k functions x_1, x_2, x_k are linearly independent, so x_{1t} , these 2 solutions; x_{1t}, x_{2t} are linearly independent and so, we can write the general solution of the given system; general solution is $x_t = c_1$ times $x_{1t} + c_2$ times x_{2t} which is $= c_1$ times e raise to the power $-t - e$ raise to the power $-t + c_2$ times $t e$ raise to the power $-t$ and $1 - t e$ raise to the power $-t$, so this gives you $c_1 + c_2 t * e$ raise to the power $-t$.

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Hence,

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} te^{-t} \\ (1-t)e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-t} \\ (c_2 - c_1 - c_2 t)e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

is the general solution of the given system.

And then, we will get here what? $C_2 - c_1 - c_2 t * e$ raised to the power $-t$, so this also a solution of the coefficient $\dot{x} = Ax$ for all values of t , so these are general solution of the given system of equations.

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example 3: Consider the IVP

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

hence

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} (1+2t)e^{-t} \\ (1-2t)e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

; the solution of given IVP.

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} (c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-t} \\ (c_2 - c_1 - c_2 t)e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 - c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = 1, \quad c_2 - c_1 = 1 \Rightarrow c_2 = 2$$

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} (1+2t)e^{-t} \\ (1-2t)e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, here what I have done is; I have taken the initial value problem, the same better differential equation I have taken as in the case of example 2; $\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x$, only what I have done is; I have given the initial condition that is at $t = 0$, x is give $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ vector, okay, so we know that $x(t) =$; we have found $x(t) =$; okay $c_1 + c_2 t * e$ raised to the power $-t$, $c_1 + c_2 t * e$ raise to the power $-t$ and then $c_2 - c_1 - c_2 t * e$ raise to the power $-t$.

So, these general solution of the equation, $\dot{x} = Ax$, if you want the solution of this initial value problem, then let us put $t = 0$, so $x(0) =$ what I will get? This is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, this is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, so we get c_1 and here, we get $c_2 - c_1$, okay. Now, at (0) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ be $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, so what I get? c_1 is $= 1$ and $c_2 - c_1 = 1$ implies $c_2 = 2$, so we $x(t) =$; c_1 is 1 , c_2 is 2 , so $1 + 2t e$ raise to the power $-t$ and then here c_2 is 2 , c_1 is 1 , so $2 - 1$ is 1 , $1 - 2t * e$ raised to the power $-t$.

So, this is how we get the particular solution of the initial value problem by satisfying the condition at $0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in the general solution, so that is how we solve this homogenous system of linear differential equations. Now, in our next lecture, we shall discuss the method of eigenvalues and eigenvectors by which we can find the general solution of the homogeneous system of linear system of differential equations. Thank you very much for your attention.