

Definition

$$\varphi_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{11}(t) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{1n}(t) \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \varphi_n(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{n1}(t) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{nn}(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad (43)$$

Wronskian

$$W[\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n](t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_{11}(t) & \dots & \varphi_{n1}(t) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \varphi_{1n}(t) & \dots & \varphi_{nn}(t) \end{vmatrix}$$

Proposition

For each n solutions $\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_n$ of a homogeneous equation $\dot{x} = A(t)x$

one has only 2 options

1, $W[\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_n](t) \equiv 0$ for any t

or

2, $\forall t: W[\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_n](t) \neq 0$

Conclusion

If $W[\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_n](t_1) = 0$
 $W[\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_n](t_2) \neq 0$
 for some t_1, t_2 , then $\varphi_1 \sim \varphi_n$

cannot be solutions of any

ODE $\dot{x} = A(t)x, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, A \in \mathbb{C}$

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= 5x_1 - 2x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 6x_1 - 2x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = 2, 1$$

$$\lambda = 1 \quad \begin{cases} 3x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \\ 6x_1 - 4x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$3x_1 = 2x_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 2 \quad \begin{cases} 4x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \\ 6x_1 - 3x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$2x_1 = x_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= Ax \\ x &= \sum e^{\lambda t} \\ \lambda \xi &= A\xi \\ (A - \lambda I)\xi &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

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$$W \left[\begin{pmatrix} 2e^{2t} \\ 3e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ 2e^t \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{vmatrix} 2e^{2t} & e^t \\ 3e^{2t} & 2e^t \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} e^{3t} = e^{3t} \neq 0$$

Example a) $\varphi_x = \begin{pmatrix} t-1 \\ \sin(t-1) \end{pmatrix}$ cannot be a solution of the ODE $\dot{x} = A(t)x, x \in \mathbb{R}^2$
 $A \in C$

for $\varphi_x(1) = 0$ and $x(t) = 0$ - another solution

b) $\varphi_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\varphi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sin(t-1)+1 \end{pmatrix}$

cannot be solutions of any system of the form $\dot{x} = A(t)x, A \in C, x \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

for (1) $\varphi_1 - \varphi_2 = \varphi_*$
 or equivalently for (2)

$$W[\varphi_1, \varphi_2](t) = \begin{vmatrix} t & 1 \\ 1 & 1 - \sin(t-1) \end{vmatrix} = t^2 - t \sin(t-1) - 1 \neq 0$$

$$\text{and } W[\varphi_1, \varphi_2](1) = 1 - 1 \cdot 0 - 1 = 0$$

The case of one equation

$$y^{(n)} + a_1(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(t)y = 0, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, continuous

$$\Rightarrow \text{Equivalent to } \dot{x} = A(t)x, A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n - a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \dots & -a_2 & -a_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

there $x_1 = y, x_2 = \dot{y}, \dots, x_n = y^{(n-1)}$ (45)

is Wronskian of scalar functions
is defined so that it will be the
Wronskian of the corresponding solutions
for the equivalent system of 1st-order equations

Definition $f_1, \dots, f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_i \in C^{n-1}$

$$W[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n](t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{vmatrix} f_1(t) & \dots & f_n(t) \\ \dot{f}_1(t) & \dots & \dot{f}_n(t) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)}(t) & \dots & f_n^{(n-1)}(t) \end{vmatrix}$$

Example $\ddot{x} + x = 0 \quad x = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$

$$W[\cos t, \sin t] = \begin{vmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

Proposition $f_1, \dots, f_n$ solutions of

$$y^{(n)} + a_1(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(t)y = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall t \quad W[f_1, \dots, f_n](t) = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \forall t \quad W[f_1, \dots, f_n](t) \neq 0$$

Example: 1) t, t^2 cannot be solutions
of any equation (*) of the order $n=2$

$$\text{since } W[t, t^2] \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{vmatrix} t & t^2 \\ 1 & 2t \end{vmatrix} \Big|_{t=0} = 0, \text{ but } \exists t: W(t) \neq 0$$

$$2) (t-1)^2, \cos(t-1) \quad \text{for } W(1) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Definition Functions $f_1, \dots, f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (46)
are called linearly dependent if

$$\exists \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}: \quad \forall t \quad \lambda_1 f_1(t) + \dots + \lambda_n f_n(t) = 0$$

$\neq 0, 0, \dots, 0$ (not all zero)

Vector functions $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\forall t \quad \lambda_1 \varphi_1(t) + \dots + \lambda_n \varphi_n(t) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

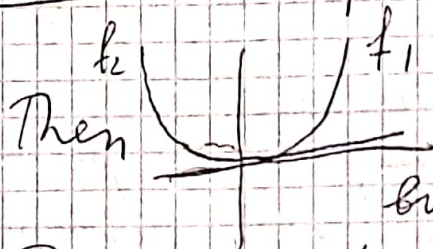
Obviously: $\exists t: W[f_1, \dots, f_n](t) \neq 0$

or $\exists t: W[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n](t) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$ linear ~~independence~~ independence

The opposite is wrong:

Example $f_1(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t^2 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}, \quad f_2(t) = \begin{cases} t^2, & t < 0 \\ 0, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$



$$W[f_1, f_2](t) \equiv 0$$

but linearly independent

They cannot be solutions of any

equation (*) with continuous $a_1, a_2, n=2$

$$y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + a_{n-2}(t)y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_0(t)y = 0 \quad (*)$$

Example $\{t, 1\}$ can be solutions,

for $W[t, 1] = \begin{vmatrix} t & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$. Indeed:

The equation: $\ddot{y} = 0$

ExampleQuestion

Given the functions
 $f_1, \dots, f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_i \in C^n[a, b]$,
 can they be fundamental solutions
 (i.e. constituting a basis) for an ODE
 $y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0(t)y = 0, (*)$
 $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in C[a, b]$?

Answer: The necessary and sufficient
 condition: $W[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n](t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in [a, b]$

The necessity is obvious. Construct the equation.
 $f_1, \dots, f_n$ -basis $\Rightarrow \forall$ Any solution $y(t)$
 should be their linear combination

$$\Rightarrow W[y, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n](t) \equiv 0 \quad t \in [a, b]$$

It is the ODE!

Expand ~~the determinant~~ with respect to the first column:

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y & f_1 & \dots & f_n \\ y' & f_1' & \dots & f_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y^{(n)} & f_1^{(n)} & \dots & f_n^{(n)} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-1)^n W_*(t) y^{(n)} + \dots = 0$$

Moreover: There is only one
 such ODE of the form (*). Indeed,

$$y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0(t)y = 0$$

$$y^{(n)} + \tilde{a}_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + \tilde{a}_0(t)y = 0$$

$$\Delta a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + \Delta a_0 y = 0$$

suppose $a_{n-1} \neq \tilde{a}_{n-1}$
 at $t_* \in [a, b]$

$$\Delta a_k \neq 0$$

If $\Delta a_{n-1}(t_*) \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ in a vicinity 48

$$y^{(n-1)} + \frac{\Delta a_{n-2}}{\Delta a_{n-1}} y^{(n-2)} + \dots + \frac{\Delta a_0}{\Delta a_{n-1}} y = 0$$

has n linearly independent solutions

$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \Rightarrow$ contradiction
the dimension is $n-1$!

The same if $\Delta a_{n-1}, \dots, \Delta a_{k+1} \equiv 0, \Delta a_k(t_*) \neq 0$

Example Can $t, \cos t$

be solutions of ODE (*) for $n=2$ over $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$, $[0, 1]$?

$$W(t) = \begin{vmatrix} t & \cos t \\ 1 & -\sin t \end{vmatrix} = -(t \sin t + \cos t)$$

$t \sin t + \cos t = 0 \Rightarrow t_* = -\frac{\cos t_*}{\sin t_*} = -\cot t_*$

Yes: The equation over $[0, 1]$

$$\begin{vmatrix} y & t & \cos t \\ \dot{y} & 1 & -\sin t \\ \ddot{y} & 0 & \cos t \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{over } [0, 1]$$

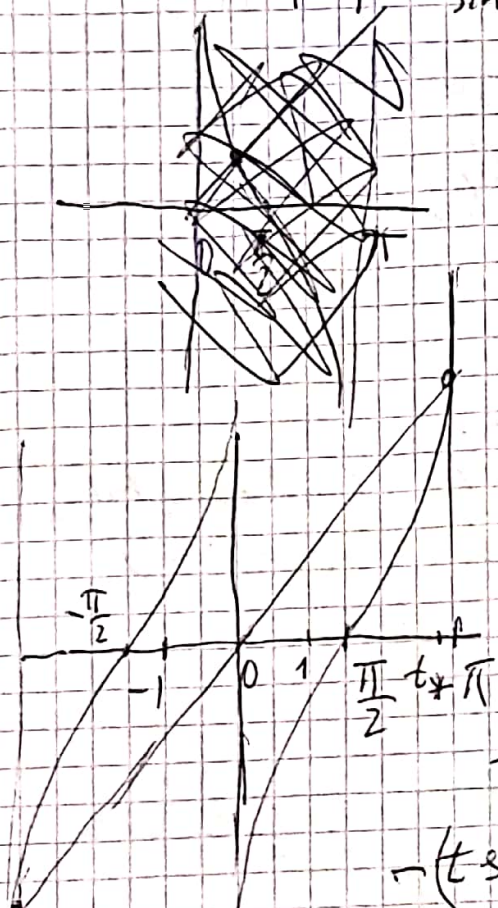
No over $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$

$$t_* \in [\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi], t_* \notin [0, 1]$$

The equation itself is

$$-(t \sin t + \cos t) \ddot{y} - t \cos t \dot{y} + \cos t y = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} + \frac{t \cos t}{t \sin t + \cos t} \dot{y} - \frac{\cos t}{t \sin t + \cos t} y = 0$$



Question Given the functions

$\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \varphi_i \in C^1[a, b]$
 whether there is an ODE

$\dot{x} = A(t)x, A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, A \in C,$
 for which they are fundamental solutions?

Answer Yes. If and only if (iff)

$\forall t \in [a, b]: W[\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n](t) \neq 0$

Indeed, $(\dot{\varphi}_1, \dot{\varphi}_2, \dots, \dot{\varphi}_n) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\varphi}_1 \\ \dot{\varphi}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\varphi}_n \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{matrix } n \times n} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n \end{pmatrix}}_{\Phi}$

$\dot{\Phi} = \dot{\Phi} \Phi^{-1} \Phi$

$A(t) = \dot{\Phi}(t) \Phi^{-1}(t)$

let $\Phi(t) = W(t) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists \Phi^{-1}$

Obviously it is unique.

Example Which pair ^{of functions} can be fundamental sol. for $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$
 $n=2$

$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t+1 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\begin{pmatrix} t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$

$W = t^2 + t + 1 \neq 0$

yes $\downarrow \dot{\Phi}$

$W = t - 1, W(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{no}$

Φ^{-1}

$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t & 1 \\ -1 & t+1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{t^2 + t + 1} \begin{pmatrix} t+1 & -1 \\ 1 & t \end{pmatrix}$

$\dot{x} = A(t)x, x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

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$$\dot{x} = A(t)x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad A \in C_{\text{continuous}}$$

Let $\varphi_1(t), \dots, \varphi_n(t)$ be solutions
(not necessarily fundamental)
any solutions

$$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}(t) & \dots & a_{1n}(t) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1}(t) & \dots & a_{nn}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem

$$\frac{d}{dt} W[\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n](t) = \text{Tr } A(t) \cdot W[\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n](t)$$

here $\text{Tr } A(t) = a_{11}(t) + a_{22}(t) + \dots + a_{nn}(t)$

Proof Denote $W(t) = W[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n](t) = \det \Phi(t)$

$$\Phi(t) = (\varphi_1(t) \dots \varphi_n(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

columns rows

$$\dot{\varphi}_i = A \varphi_i, \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\Phi} = A \Phi, \quad \dot{\Phi}_i = (a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in}) \Phi$$

$$\dot{\Phi}_i = a_{i1} \varphi_1 + a_{i2} \varphi_2 + \dots + a_{in} \varphi_n, \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

It is known that

$$(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)' = u_1' u_2 \dots u_n + u_1 u_2' u_3 \dots u_n + \dots + u_1 u_2 \dots u_{n-1}' u_n$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & \dots & d_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ d_{n1} & \dots & d_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \left(d_{1\sigma_1} \dots d_{n\sigma_n} \right) (-1)^{\text{Permutation degree}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{W} = \frac{d}{dt} \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\varphi}_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \dot{\varphi}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\varphi}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{i1} \varphi_1 + \dots + a_{in} \varphi_n \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n \end{pmatrix} = a_1 W + a_2 W + \dots + a_n W = \text{Tr } A \cdot W$$

Q.E.D.

Further $\dot{W} = \text{Tr} A(t) W$, $W(t_0) = W_0$ (51)
 $W=0$ - solution, let $W(t) \neq 0$
 (then never vanishes)

$$\int \frac{\dot{W}}{W} dt = \int \text{Tr} A(t) dt$$

$$\ln |W| = \int_{t_0}^t \text{Tr} A(s) ds + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$W(t) = \pm e^C e^{\int_{t_0}^t \text{Tr} A(s) ds}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{W(t) = W(t_0) \exp \int_{t_0}^t \text{Tr} (A(s)) ds}$$

Order Reduction

Just examples

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = (1 + e^{-t} - t e^{-t})x + (t e^{-t} - e^{-t})y \\ \dot{y} = (e^{-t} - t e^{-t})x + (1 + t e^{-t} - e^{-t})y \end{cases}$$

One solution is known $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^t \end{pmatrix}$

Find the general solution

$$\text{Tr} A(t) = 2 \Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} e^t & x \\ e^t & y \end{pmatrix} = c e^{2t} \quad (\text{Abel})$$

We only need to find one solution linearly independent with $\begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^t \end{pmatrix}$.

Thus we can take $c=1$.

$$e^t y - e^t x = e^{2t} \Rightarrow y = e^t + x$$

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Order reduction: substitute $y = e^t + x$ in the equation for $\dot{x}$
 $\Rightarrow$ get a scalar equation

$$\dot{x} = (1 + e^{-t} - t e^{-t})x + (t e^{-t} - e^{-t})(e^t + x)$$

$$= x + t - 1$$

$$\dot{x} - x = t - 1$$

char. polynomial: $\lambda - 1$; no resonance (we learn it further)

$\Rightarrow x(t) = x_h + x_p$, x_p - particular solution
 general solution of the homogeneous equation
 $\dot{x} - x = 0 \Rightarrow x = C_1 e^t$

search for $x_p(t)$ in the form

$$x_p = \alpha t + \beta$$

$$\dot{x} - \alpha t - \beta = t - 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = -1$$

$$-1 - \beta = -1, \beta = 0$$

$$x_p = t$$

$$x = C_1 e^t - t$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^t + x = e^t - t + C_1 e^t$$

Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{C_1 \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^t \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{old solution}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -t \\ e^t - t \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{new solution}}$$

Finally

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{C}_1 \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^t \end{pmatrix} + \tilde{C}_2 \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ e^t - t \end{pmatrix}$$

For simplicity: check that $\begin{pmatrix} -t \\ e^t - t \end{pmatrix}$ is a solution by substitution.

In fact, one can show that it has to be.

Scalar equation $n=2$

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~~Example $y'' + a(t)y' + b(t)y = 0$~~

$$y^{(n)} + a_1(t)y^{(n-1)} + a_2(t)y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_n(t)y = 0$$

is equivalent to $x_i = y^{(i)}, i = 0, \dots, n-1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_0 \\ \dot{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_{n-2} \\ \dot{x}_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_1(t) & -a_2(t) & -a_3(t) & \dots & -a_n(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n-2} \\ x_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$f_1(t), f_2(t), \dots, f_n(t)$ - scalar solutions

$$\varphi_i(t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_i(t) \\ \dot{f}_i(t) \\ \vdots \\ f_i^{(n-1)}(t) \end{pmatrix} \text{ - the corresponding vector solutions}$$

$$W(t) = W[f_1, \dots, f_n](t) = W[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n](t) = \det(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$$

$$\dot{W} = -\text{Tr} A(t) \cdot W = -a_1(t) W$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \dot{W} &= -a_1(t) W \\ W(t) &= W(0) \exp\left(-\int_0^t a_1(s) ds\right) \end{aligned}}$$

Example

$n = 2$

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$$\ddot{y} + a(t)\dot{y} + b(t)y = 0$$

A known solution: $f(t)$

$$\begin{vmatrix} f & y \\ f' & y' \end{vmatrix} = C_1 e^{-\int_{t_0}^t a(s) ds}$$

One can take $C_1 = 1$, or continue as it's
order reduction

$$-y f' + \dot{y} f = C_1 \alpha(t), \quad \alpha(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e^{-\int_{t_0}^t a(s) ds}$$

let $f \neq 0$ (otherwise $f = 0$ at separate points)

$$\frac{\dot{y}f - yf'}{f^2} = \left(\frac{y}{f}\right)' = C_1 \frac{\alpha(t)}{f^2(t)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 f(t) \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\alpha(s)}{f^2(s)} ds + C_2 f(t)$$

$$\left(C_1 \int \frac{\alpha(s)}{f^2(s)} ds = C_1 \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\alpha(s)}{f^2(s)} ds + \underbrace{C_1 C_2}_{C_2} \right)$$

One only needs to remember the way!

Example $(t^2+1)\ddot{y} - 2t\dot{y} + 2y = 0$, $f(t) = t$ solution

$$\begin{vmatrix} t & y \\ 1 & y' \end{vmatrix} = C_1 e^{\int_0^t \frac{2s}{s^2+1} ds} = C_1 e^{\ln(t^2+1)} = C_1(t^2+1)$$

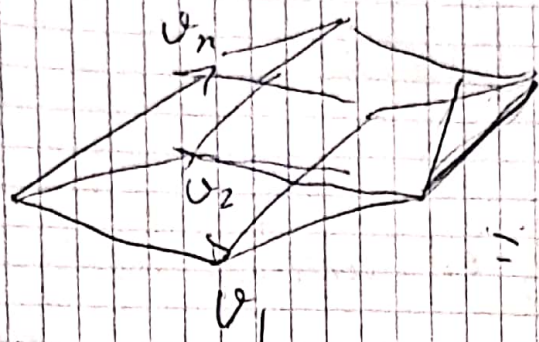
Divide by t^2 : $\left(\frac{y}{t}\right)' = C_1 \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right)$

$$y = t \left[C_1 \left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right) + \underbrace{C_1 C_2}_{C_2} \right] = C_1(t^2 - 1) + C_2 t$$

Abel, Niels Henrik
Norway, 1802-1829, died 26 years old

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General Theorem of Abel-Liouville



$$\text{Volume} = \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

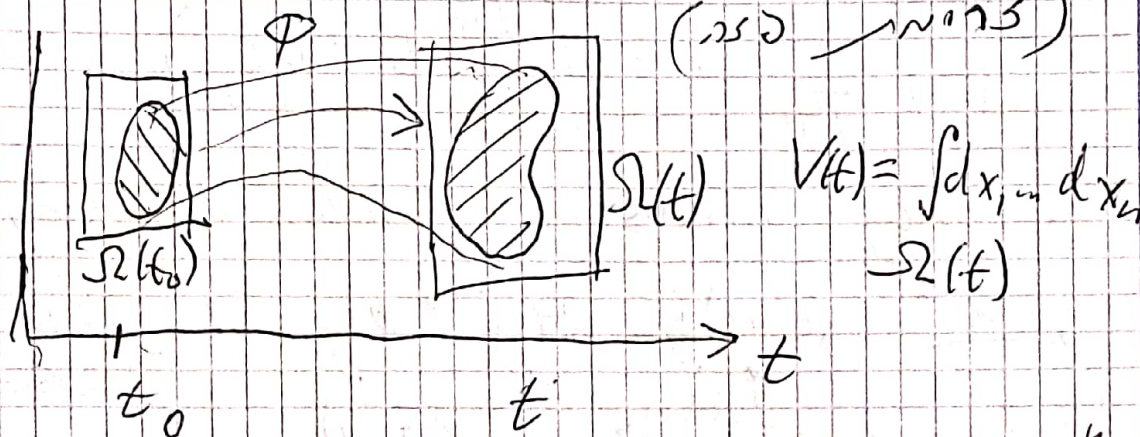
$$= \text{abs det}(\underbrace{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n}_{\text{columns}})$$

That is the geometrical sense.
 $W[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n](t) = \pm \text{Volume (area) of}$
the parallelepiped
enclosing the vectors $\varphi_1(t), \dots, \varphi_n(t)$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(t, x) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(t, x) \end{pmatrix} f \in C^k, \quad k \geq 1 \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \Phi(t, t_0, x_0) \in C^k$$

Phase stream
(flow lines)



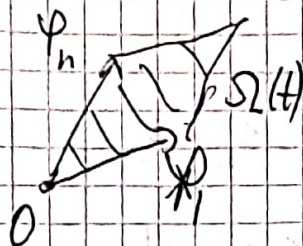
The compact region $\Omega(t_0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
transfers ~~into~~ to $\Omega(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
by the phase stream in the time $t - t_0$
 $V(t)$ is its volume

Theorem

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$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(t) &= \int_{\Omega(t)} \sum \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i}(t, x) dx_1 \dots dx_n = \int_{\Omega(t)} T_r \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \int_{\Omega(t)} \operatorname{div}_x f(t, x) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &\quad \text{divergence}\end{aligned}$$

In the classical case $\dot{x} = A(t)x$



$$V(t) = |W(t)|, \quad \dot{V} = T_r A(t) V$$

Wronskian
do not change the sign

Proof Let $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_{01} \\ \vdots \\ x_{0n} \end{pmatrix}$ - coordinates at $t = t_0$

$x = x(t, \xi) = \varphi(t, \xi)$, $x_0 = \xi$ initial value
denote $x_*(t) = \varphi(t, \xi)$

$$x(t, x_0) = x_*(t) + \Delta x(t, x_0), \quad \dot{x} = f(t, x)$$

differentiate with respect to x_0 at $x_0 = \xi$
the point

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial x_0} x(t, \xi) = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial x_0} \right)' = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x(t, \xi)) \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_0}(t, \xi)$$

$x_*(t)$

$$\text{Denote } Z(t) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_0}(t, \xi)$$

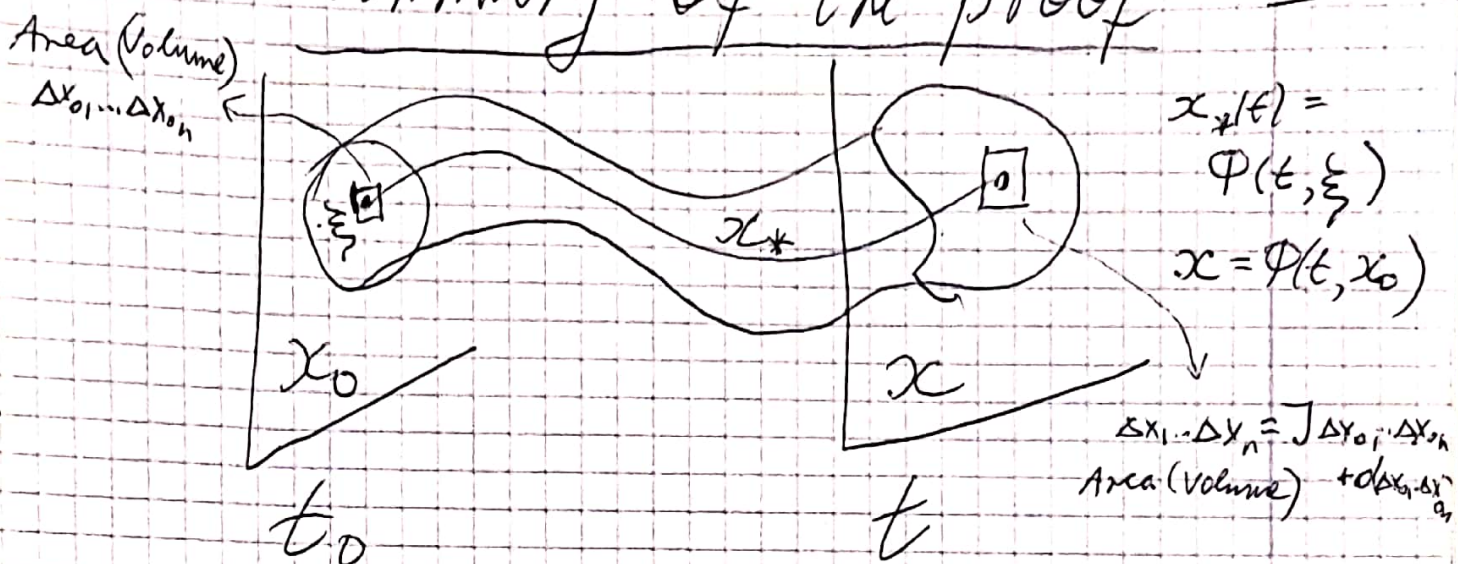
$$Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\dot{Z} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x_*(t)) Z, \quad Z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}(t, \xi)$$

columns

Summary of the proof

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$$V(t) = \int_{\Omega(t)} dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n = \int_{\Omega(t_0)} \underbrace{\left| \det \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_0}(t, x_0) \right|}_{\text{Jacobian}} dx_0 \dots dx_n$$

The Jacobian happens to be the Wronskian of the linear DE

$$\dot{\xi} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x_*(t)) \xi, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

for the unique solution $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_* = f(t, x_*) \\ x_*(t_0) = \xi \in \Omega(t_0) \end{cases}$

where ξ is any fixed value of x_0

and the solutions $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$ correspond to $\xi_i(t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_i$

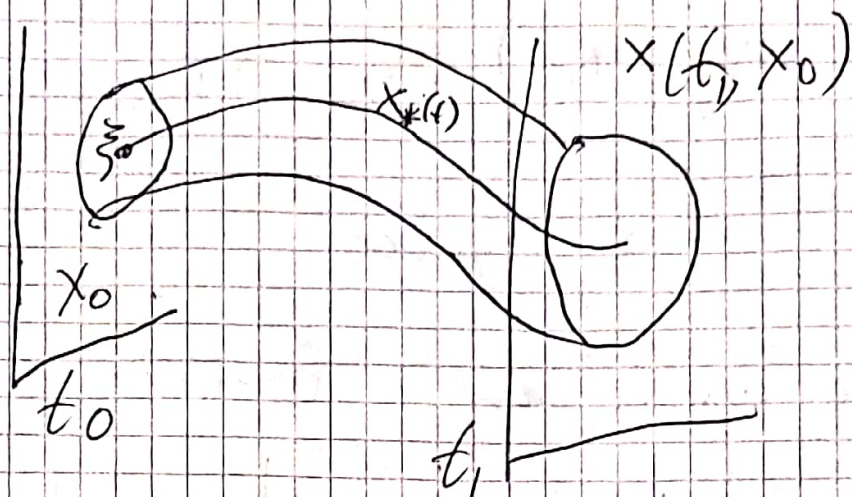
ξ_i are the columns of the matrix $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$\dot{Z} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x_*(t)) Z, \quad Z(0) = I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 & \dots & \xi_n \\ z_1 & \dots & z_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad z_i = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi_i}(t, \xi)$$

$$\dot{z}_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x_*(t)) z_i - \text{linear DE}$$

$$W = \det Z - \text{Wronskian}, \quad \dot{W} = \text{Tr} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x_*(t)) W$$



Change the coordinates to x_0

$$V(t) = \int_{\Omega(t)} dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n = \int_{\Omega(t_0)} \left| \det \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_0}(t, x_0) \right| dx_{01} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{0n}$$

Theorem Abel-Gronwall! $\det \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_0}(t, x_0)$ does not vanish

$$t=t_0 \quad \det \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_0}(t_0, x_0) = \det I = 1$$

$x(t_0) = x_0$

$$\Rightarrow V(t) = \int_{\Omega(t_0)} \overbrace{\det \frac{\partial x}{\partial x_0}(t, x_0)}^{W(t, x_0)} dx_{01} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{0n}$$

(no abs. value)

$$\dot{V}(t) = \int_{\Omega(t_0)} \text{Tr} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x_0) \underbrace{W(t, x_0)}_{\text{unknown}, W(t_0, x_0)=1} dx_{01} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{0n}$$

substitute $t=t_0$

$$\dot{V}(t_0) = \int_{\Omega(t_0)} \text{Tr} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t_0, x_0) dx_{01} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{0n}$$

But t_0 is any moment
QED.

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Example:

$$\dot{x}_1 = t x_2 \sin x_3 - t x_1 - \cos x_2 \cos t$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = t x_1 \sin x_3 - t x_2 + t$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = t x_1 \cos(x_2^2) - t x_3$$

What is the volume of the region in x_1, x_2, x_3 to which the cube $x_i \in [0, 1]$, $i=1, 2, 3$, is transferred from $t=0$ to $t=2$?

$$\dot{V} = \int_{\Omega(t)} (-3) t \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \, dx_3 = -3t V$$

$$V \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{V}}{V} = -3t$$

$$\ln V(t) - \ln V(0) = -\frac{3}{2} t^2$$

$$V(t) = V(0) e^{-\frac{3}{2} t^2}, \quad \boxed{V(2) = e^{-6}}$$