

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is some unknown function except  $f(0) = f_0$ .  
 $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is some (constant) matrix, diff calc.  
 How to solve  $\dot{f}(t) = A(f(t))$ ? (Cartan pp. 125)  
 Solution exists and is given by  $f(t) = (\exp(At))f_0$  because  $f(0) = f_0$  indeed and  $\dot{f}(t) = A(f(t))$  as you can verify using HW4Q3.  
 Furthermore, assume  $A$  is diagonalizable with  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .  
 Then by HW2Q3 we have:

$$\exp(tA) = \exp(tPDP^{-1}) = P \exp(tD) P^{-1}$$

so that  $f(t) = P \exp(tD) P^{-1} f_0 = P \text{diag}(e^{tD_{11}}, e^{tD_{22}}) P^{-1} f_0$

\* Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\Rightarrow f(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{01} \\ f_{02} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{02} e^t \\ \frac{1}{2} f_{02} e^t - \frac{1}{2} e^{3t} (f_{01} - 2f_{02}) \end{bmatrix}$

**Q3** Same as above. Assume  $A = -A^T$  is a real matrix, W.T.S. that solutions of  $\dot{f}(t) = A(f(t))$  live on a sphere.  
 $\Leftrightarrow \|f(t)\| = \text{const} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow \langle f(t), f(t) \rangle = \text{const} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle f(t), f(t) \rangle = 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 Use  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \alpha(t), \beta(t) \rangle = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \alpha(t), \beta(t) \rangle + \langle \alpha(t), \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \beta(t) \rangle$

**Q4**  $(A, B) \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $[A, B] = 0$  ( $[A, B] = AB - BA$ )  
 W.T.S. that  $\exp(A+B) = \exp(A)\exp(B)$   
 Main idea: Cartan pp. 112:  $\dot{f}(t) = Af(t) + B$  has a unique solution by Theorem 1.9.1.  
 Define  $f_1: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \quad t \mapsto \exp(tA)\exp(tB)$   
 $f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \quad t \mapsto \exp(t(A+B))$

(2) We will show that actually both  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  fulfill

$$\text{with } f_i(0) \quad (*) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{f}_i(t) = (A+B)f_i(t) \\ f_i(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

As a result,  $f_1(t) = f_2(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ . In particular for  $t=1$  and so the claim follows.

To show  $*$  for  $f_1$  is easy,

for  $f_2$ , use the Leibnitz rule and you will need to show  $[\exp(tA), B] = 0$

**Q5**  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$  is a differential eq. of  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

Define  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \mapsto A \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$  (this is a v. field)

What is the flow of  $f$ ? "It is a curve  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which starts at the 2<sup>nd</sup> slot and has derivative  $f$ ."

It is a map  $\phi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}) \mapsto \phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix})$

$$\text{s.t. } \phi \left( \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \quad \phi(0, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}) = f(\phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix})) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right) \quad \forall \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Interpret  $\textcircled{2}$ :  $f(\phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix})) = A \phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix})$

$\Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{d}{dt} \phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}) = A \phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix})$

If we define  $\phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}) := \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$  is a

solution of  $*$  with initial value  $\begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$  then we

will have found the flow of  $f$ .

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}) = P \text{diag}(e^{tD_{11}}, e^{tD_{22}}) P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the flow.}}$$

What to do if  $D_{11}$  or  $D_{22}$  are complex?  $\phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

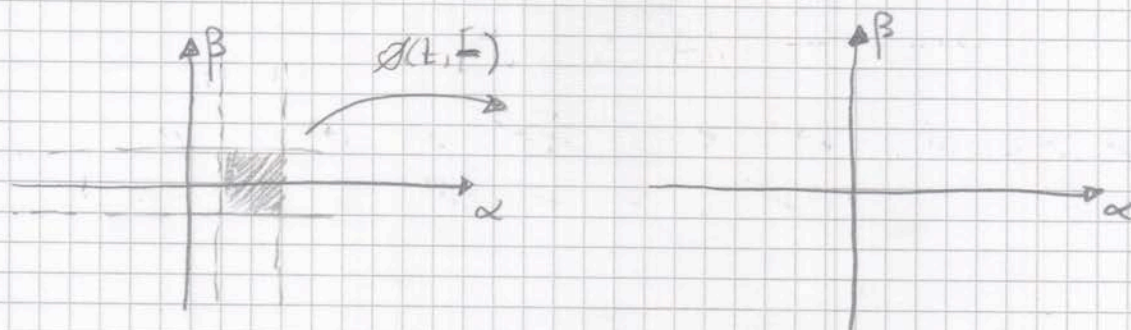
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow D_{11} = 1+i, D_{22} = 1-i$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} i & -i \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 0 \\ 0 & 1-i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & -i \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$\phi(t, \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix})$  is real none the less after you work out the algebra. (Look up Christmas HW).

$$Q := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \alpha \in [1, 3] \wedge \beta \in [-1, 1] \right\}$$

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What does  $(\phi(t, -))$  do geometrically?

Q1

Let  $U \subseteq \text{Open}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a continuously differentiable vector field on  $U$ .

Define  $\Omega := \{(t, x_0) \in \mathbb{R} \times U \mid t \in I(x_0)\}$  where  $I(x_0)$  is the "max. existence interval" of  $x_0$

Define  $\phi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  as the flow of  $f$ .

That means that  $\forall t \in I(x_0)$ ,  $\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \phi(t, x_0) = f(\phi(t, x_0)) \text{ for fixed } x_0 \\ \phi(0, x_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$

Assume  $\phi$  is cont. differentiable.

Let  $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be given, let  $x_0 \in U$  be given.

Define  $\xi: I(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $t \mapsto (\phi'(t, x_0))(\xi_0)$

where  $\phi'$  is the derivative w.r.t. the 2nd slot of  $\phi$  alone.

Claim:  $\begin{cases} \dot{\xi}(t) = (f'(\phi(t, x_0)))(\xi(t)) \\ \xi(0) = \xi_0 \end{cases}$

Proof:  $\xi(0) = (\phi'(0, x_0))(\xi_0)$

But  $\phi(0, x_0) = x_0 \Rightarrow \phi(0, -) = \text{id}(-)$

Thus, the Frechet derivative of  $\text{id}$  is  $\text{id}$ .

$\Rightarrow \phi'(0, x_0) = \text{id} \checkmark$

$$\dot{\xi}(t) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} ((\phi'(t, x_0))(\xi_0))$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n (\partial_j \phi_l(t, x_0)) (\xi_0)_j \hat{e}_l \right)$$

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$\partial_j \phi_l$  is cont.

$$= \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n ((\partial_j (\partial_t \phi_l)))(t, x_0) (\xi_0)_j \hat{e}_l$$

$$= \sum_{l,j=1}^n ((\partial_j (f_l \circ \phi)))(t, x_0) (\xi_0)_j \hat{e}_l$$

$$= \sum_{l,j,m=1}^n (((\partial_m f_l) \circ \phi) (\partial_j \phi_m))(t, x_0) (\xi_0)_j \hat{e}_l$$

$$= (f'(\phi(t, x_0)))(\phi'(t, x_0)(\xi_0))$$

$$= (f'(\phi(t, x_0)))(\xi(t))$$

