

**Summer Course**

**Linear System Theory**

**Control**

**&**

**Matrix Computations**

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# Lecture 7

## Rational Symbols

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## Outline

- ▶ **Motivation**
- ▶ **Factorization of polynomial matrices**
- ▶ **Behaviors defined by rational symbols**
- ▶ **Distance between systems**
- ▶ **Model reduction without stability or i/o partition**
- ▶ **Left prime representations**

## Aim of this lecture

**System theory is well developed for ODEs, especially LTIDSs**

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**Rational representations occur frequently in control, signal processing, etc. They play a very important role in recent research.**

Joint research with



**Yutaka Yamamoto**  
**Kyoto University, Japan**  
**born 1950**

# **Rational symbols**

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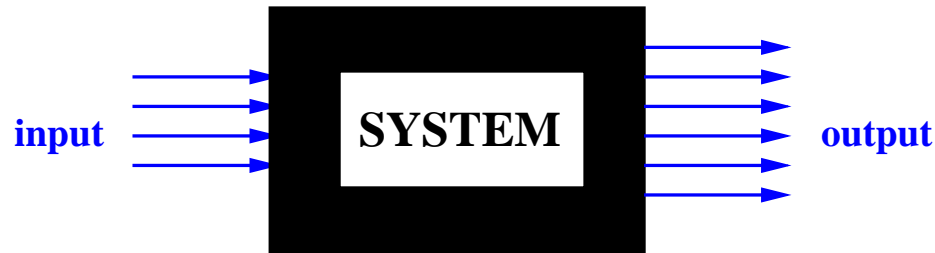


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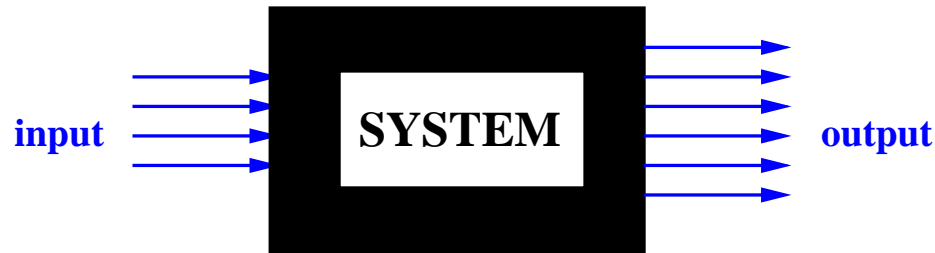
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In the present lecture, we

- ▶ do not use an input/output partition
- ▶ interpret  $F$ , not in terms of Laplace transforms, but in terms of differential equations.

$(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathcal{B})$  where

- $T = \mathbb{R}$  ‘time’
- $W = \mathbb{R}^w$  ‘signal space’
- and ‘behavior’  $\mathcal{B} =$  the set of solutions of a system of

**linear constant coefficient ODEs**

$\mathcal{B} =$  the  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w)$ -solutions of

$$R_0 w + R_1 \frac{d}{dt} w + \cdots + R_L \frac{d^L}{dt^L} w = 0$$

$$R \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) w = 0$$

$R \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]^{\bullet \times w}$  a matrix of real polynomials

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~> Laplace transforms with domains of convergence, etc.**

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**By definition** therefore, the behavior of  $G\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$  is equal to the behavior of  $Q\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$ .  
 $P$  is only of secondary importance.



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**2. View  $G(s)$  as a transfer f'n.**

**Take your favorite definition of input/output pairs.**

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**3. ...**

## Justification

**Note!** With this definition, we can deal with transfer functions,

$$y = F\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)u, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \left[ F\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \quad \vdots \quad -I \right] \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

with  $F$  a matrix of rational functions, and completely avoid Laplace transforms, domains of convergence, and such cumbersome, but largely irrelevant, mathematical traps.



**Pierre Simon Laplace**  
1749 – 1827

# Caveats

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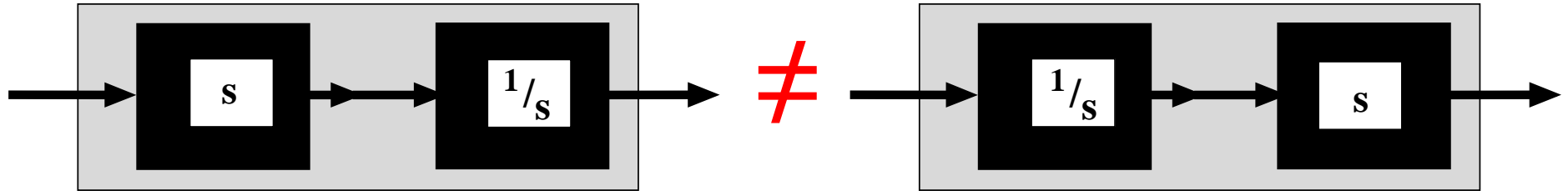
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If  $P \neq I$  (better, not unimodular), there are many sol’ns  $y$  of this ODE for a given  $u$ .

$$y = y_{\text{particular}} + y_{\text{homogeneous}} \quad P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)y_{\text{homogeneous}} = 0$$

$G_1\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)$  and  $G_2\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)$  need not commute



$$G_1(s) = \frac{1}{s} \quad \text{and} \quad G_2(s) = s$$

**do not commute.**

$$y = \frac{1}{\frac{d}{dt}}v, \quad v = \frac{d}{dt}u \quad \Rightarrow \quad y(t) = u(t) + \text{constant}$$

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- ▶  **$R$ : all poles at  $\infty$**
  - ▶ **we can take  $G$  with no poles at  $\infty$  ( $G$  proper)**
  - ▶ **or all poles in some non-empty set - symmetric w.r.t.  $\mathbb{R}$ .**
- ‘proper stable rational’**

# Representations

**In particular:**

**Theorem:** Every LTIDS has a representation

$$G\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$$

**with**  $G \in \mathbb{R}(\xi)^{m \times w}$  **strictly proper stable rational.**

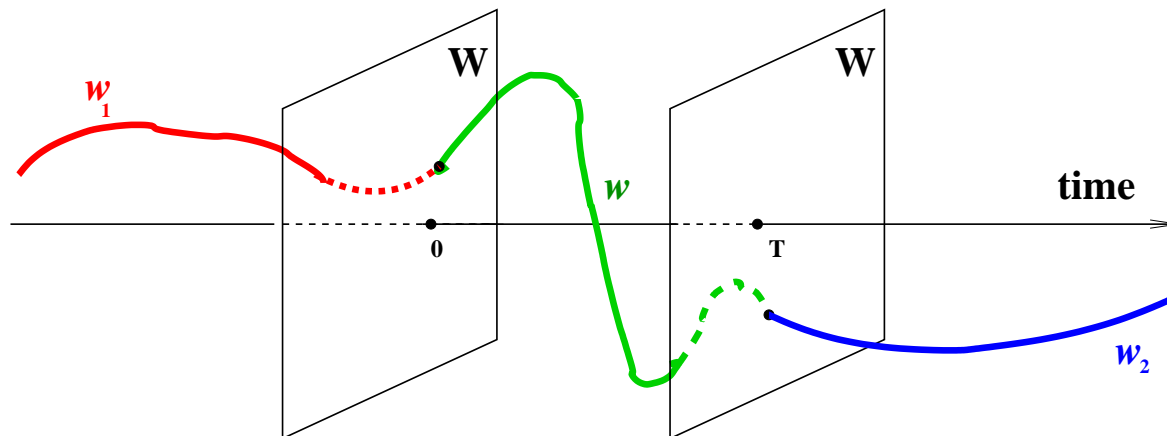
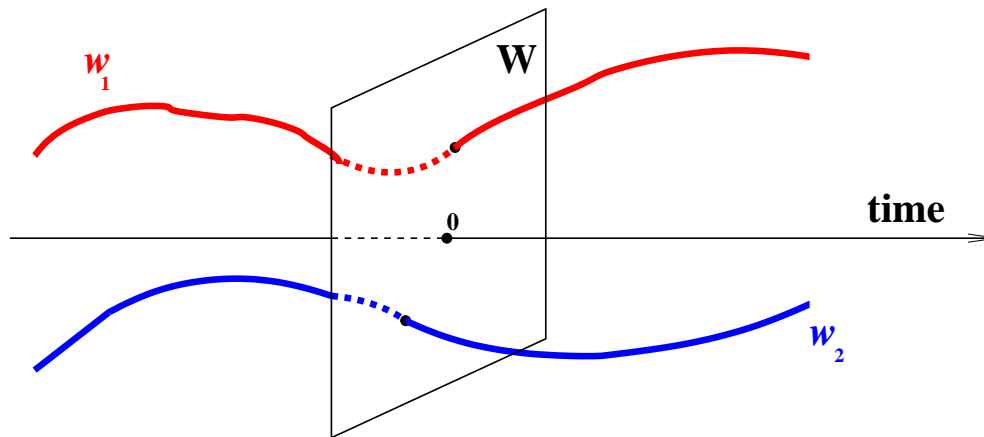
**Proof:** Take  $G(\xi) = \frac{R(\xi)}{(\xi + \lambda)^n}$ , suitable  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

# **Controllability c.s.**

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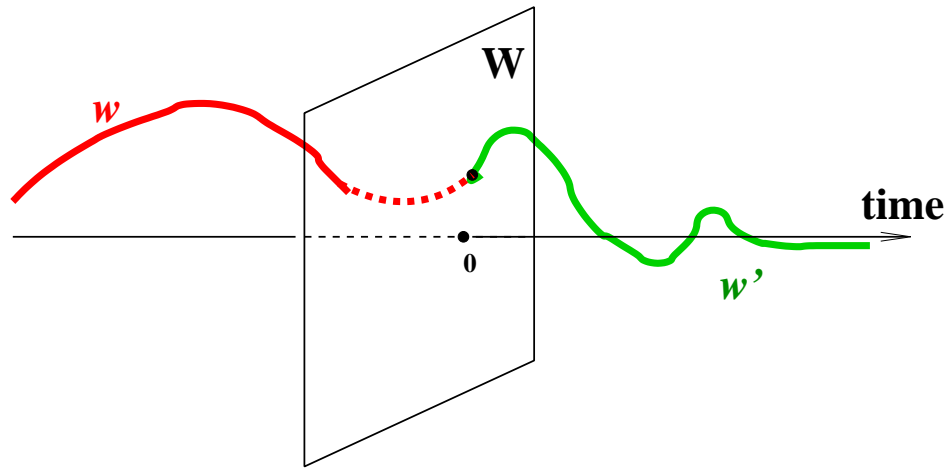
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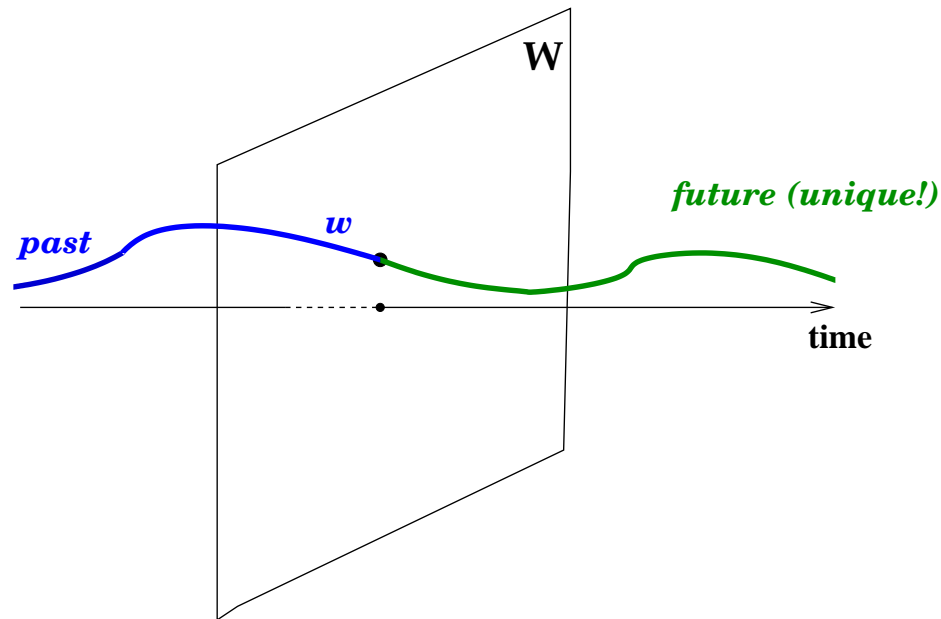
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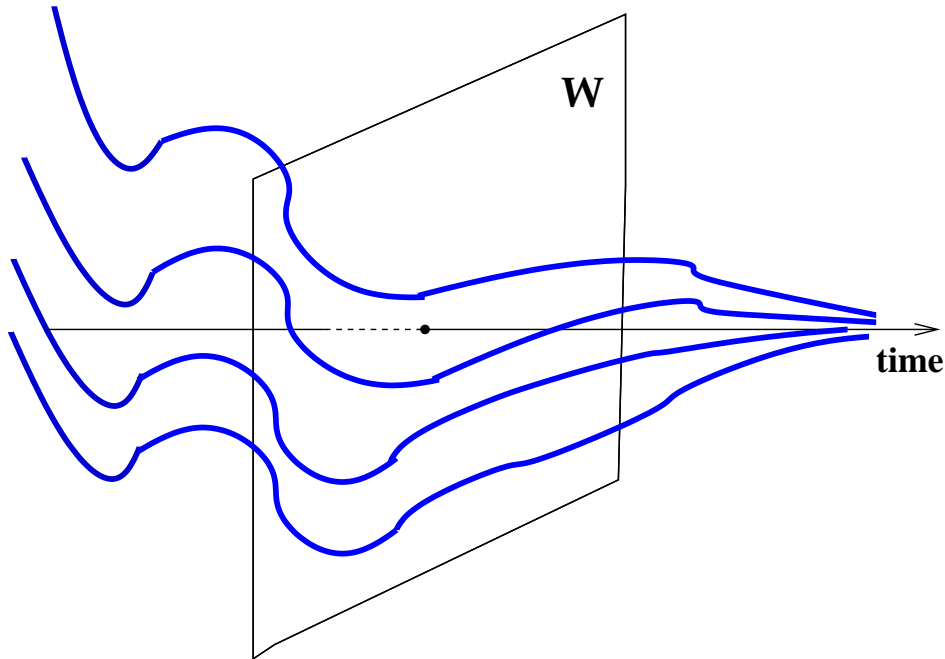
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$\forall w_- \in \mathcal{B}|_{\mathbb{R}_-}, \exists (!) w_+ \in \mathcal{B}|_{\mathbb{R}_+}$  such that ...



# Stability

$\mathcal{B}$  is said to be **stable**  $:\Leftrightarrow \llbracket w \in \mathcal{B} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket w(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \rrbracket$



for LTIDSs, **stable**  $\Rightarrow$  **autonomous**

**Stability in the sense of Lyapunov**



Alexandr Lyapunov  
1857 – 1918



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**Can a rational representation be used to put one of these properties in evidence?**

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Interpret carefully in cases like

$$G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{s} \end{bmatrix}, G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ \frac{1}{s} \end{bmatrix}, G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s & 1 \\ & s \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Systems defined by transfer functions are controllable**

**Transfer functions can only deal with controllable systems**

# Stabilizability

**Theorem:** A LTIDS is **stabilizable** if and only if its behavior allows a kernel representation

$$G\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$$

with  $G \in \mathbb{R}(\xi)^{\bullet \times w}$  left prime  
over the ring of (proper) stable rationals.

We explain what this means later, and give a number of related results.



## Recapitulation

- ▶ **LTIDSs are defined in terms of polynomial symbols**

$$R \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) w = 0 \quad R \in \mathbb{R} [\xi]^{\bullet \times w},$$

- ▶ **but can also be represented by rational symbols**

$$G \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) w = 0 \quad G \in \mathbb{R}(\xi)^{\bullet \times w}$$

- ▶ **Sol'ns are defined in terms of a left coprime factorization of  $G$**

- ▶ **This added flexibility is better adapted to certain applications**

**e.g. (series, parallel, ...) interconnections**

**e.g. distance between behaviors**

**e.g. behavioral model reduction**

**e.g. parametrization of the stabilizing controllers**

**e.g. characterizing stabilizability**

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- ▶ **Approximate a system by a simpler one.**
- ▶ **If a system has a particular property (e.g., stabilized by a controller), will this also hold for close-by systems?**
- ▶ **Does a sequence of systems converge?**

What is meant

by ‘approximate’, by ‘close-by’, by ‘converge’?

## Distance between sets

**A model is a behavior, a subset. Hence distance between models translates into distance between sets.**

**The common measure for distance between the subsets  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2 \subset \mathcal{U}$ , with  $\mathcal{U}$  a metric space, is the **Hausdorff distance** defined as**

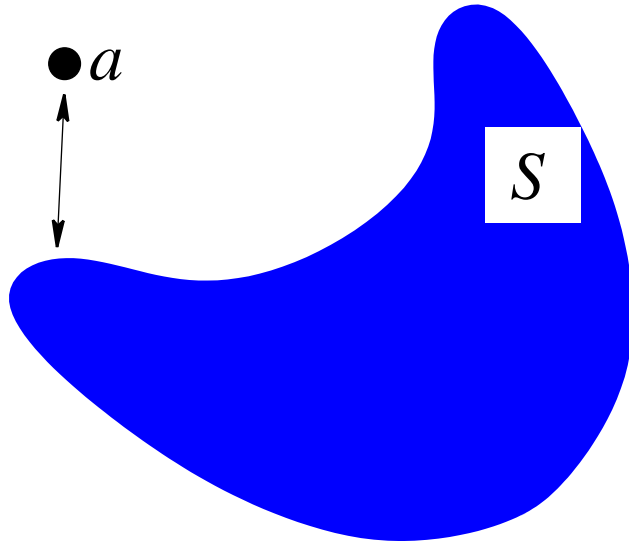
$$d_H(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2) = \max \left( \overrightarrow{d}_H(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2), \overleftarrow{d}_H(\mathcal{B}_2, \mathcal{B}_1) \right)$$

**with**

$$\overrightarrow{d}_H(S_1, S_2) = \sup_{w_1 \in S_1} \inf_{w_2 \in S_2} d(w_1, w_2)$$

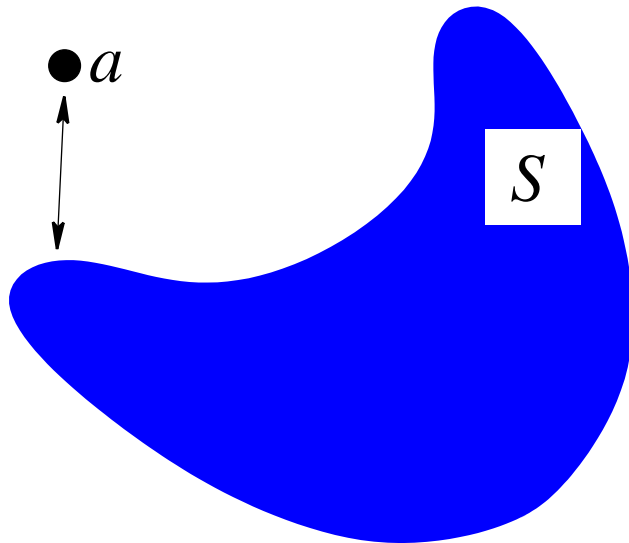
**$d_H$  is a distance function on compact sets**

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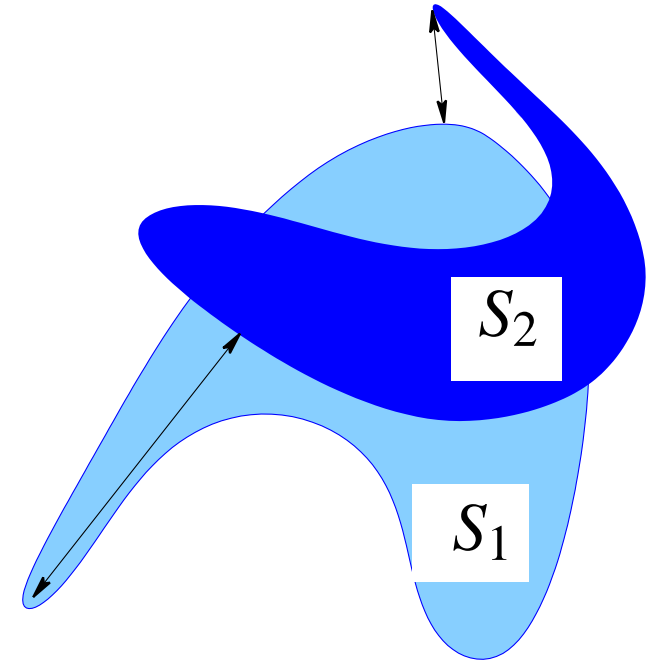


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# The gap



## Distance between linear subspaces

**In the behavioral theory, we identify a dynamical system with its behavior, that is, with a subspace  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w)$ .**

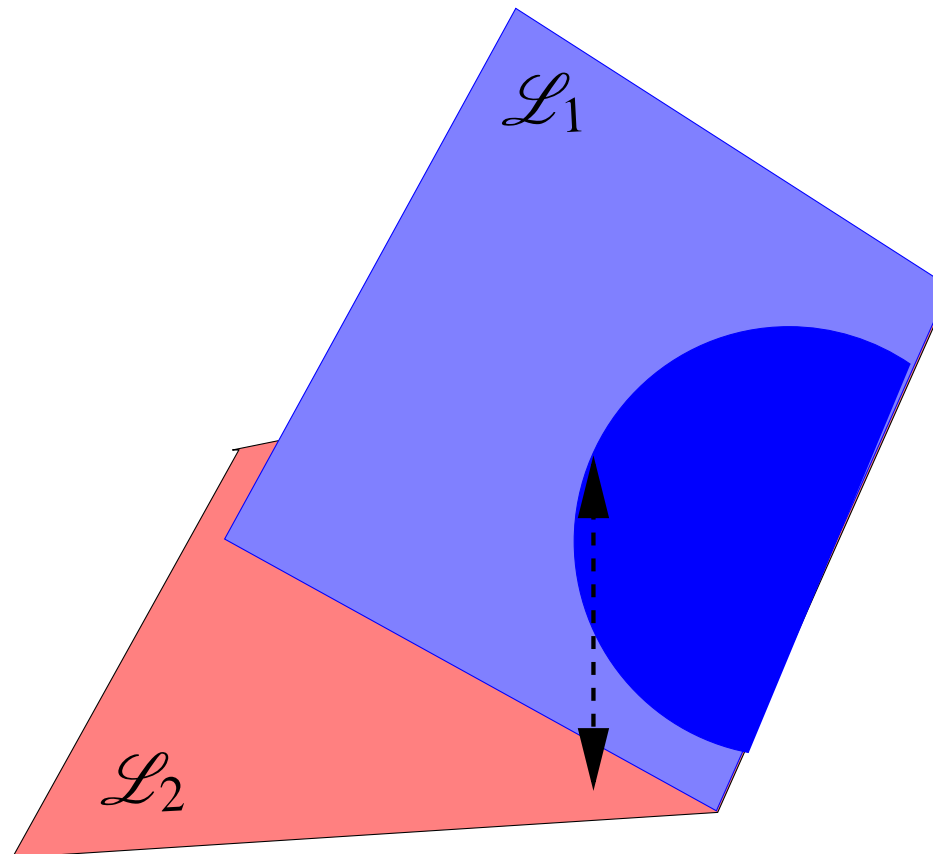
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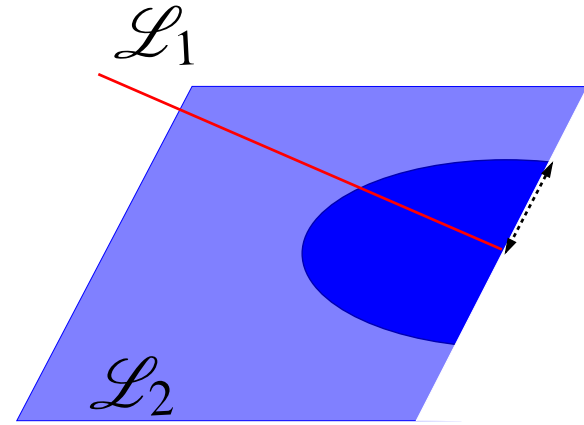
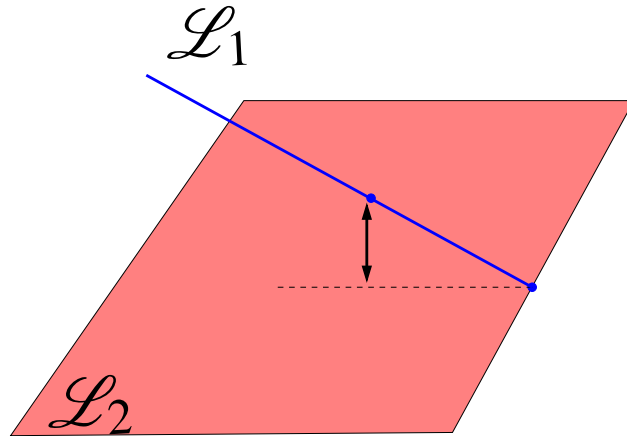
# Linear subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , **linear subspaces**

$$\vec{d}(\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2) := \max_{x_1 \in \mathcal{L}_1, \|x_1\|=1} \min_{x_2 \in \mathcal{L}_2} \|x_1 - x_2\|$$

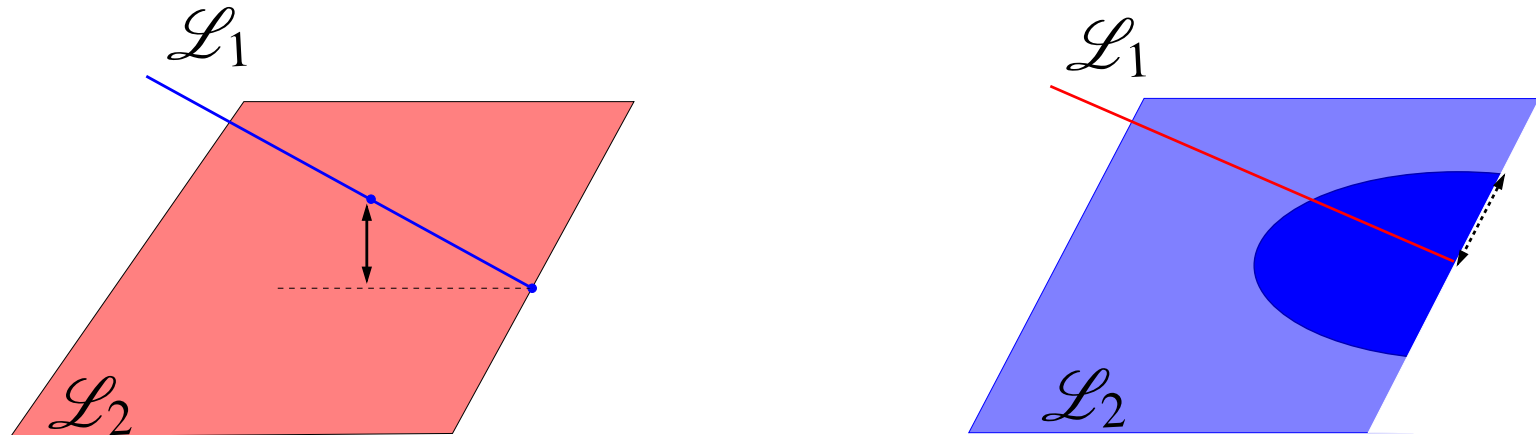


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$$0 \leq \text{gap}(\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2) \leq 1$$

$$= 1 \text{ if } \text{dimension}(\mathcal{L}_1) \neq \text{dimension}(\mathcal{L}_2)$$

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**Therefore,**  $d(\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2) = \|S_1 S_1^\top - S_2 S_2^\top\| \leq \|S_1 - S_2\|$

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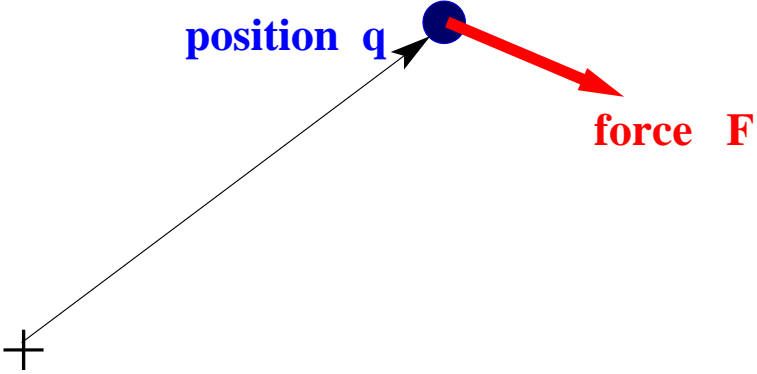
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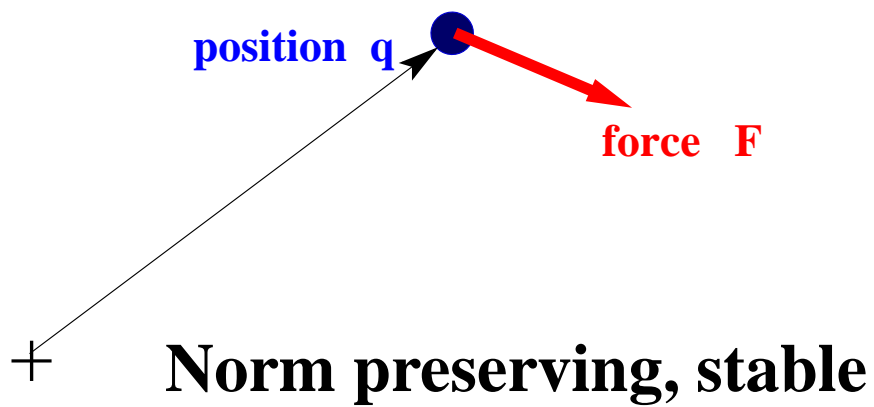
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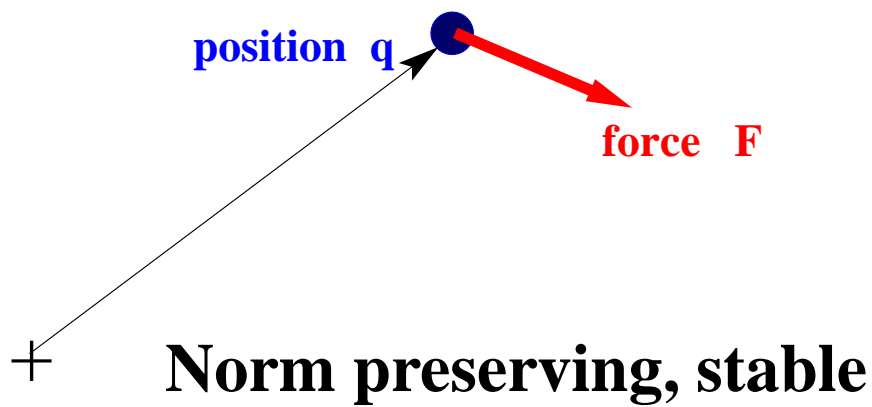
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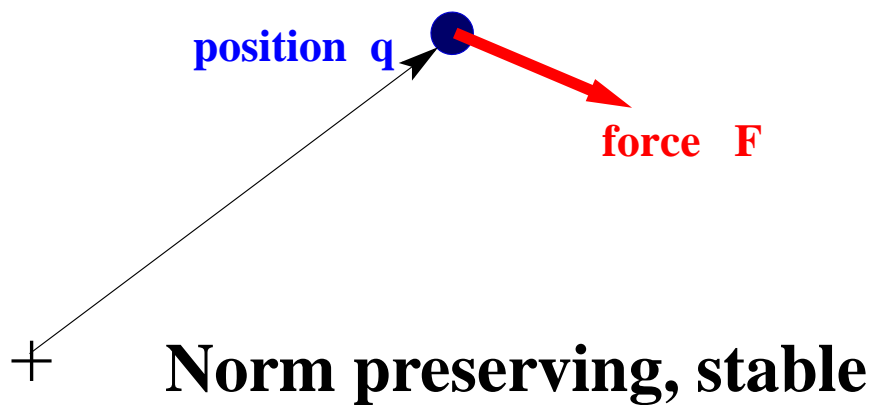
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# Mathematical Appendix

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*A bit of mathematics*

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with the  $p_k$ 's elements of  $R$ . The variable  $\xi$  is called the *indeterminate*. Its power  $\xi^k$  should in first instance be viewed as a placeholder to specify the element  $p_k \in R$ . We can think of a polynomial as a sequence

$$p \cong (p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n, \dots)$$

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**The set of polynomials over the ring  $R$  is denoted as  $R[\xi]$ .**

**When  $R = \mathbb{R}$ , we call a corresponding polynomial *real*, and *complex* if  $R = \mathbb{C}$ .**

**$\mathbb{R}[\xi]$  and  $\mathbb{C}[\xi]$  are clearly commutative rings.**



## A polynomial induces a map

**The element  $p \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$ ,  $p(\xi) = p_0 + p_1\xi + \cdots + p_n\xi^n \in \mathbb{R}$  stands in one-to-one relation with polynomial maps  $x \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto p_0 + p_1x + \cdots + p_nx^n \in \mathbb{R}$ . The one-to-one relation follows from the derivatives of the map at  $x = 0$ .**

**Similarly  $p \in \mathbb{C}[\xi]$ ,  $p(\xi) = p_0 + p_1\xi + \cdots + p_n\xi^n$ , stands in one-to-one relation with the map  $x \in \mathbb{C} \mapsto p_0 + p_1x + \cdots + p_nx^n \in \mathbb{C}$ .**

**Often, therefore, a polynomial is viewed as a map.**

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**This implies in particular that for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $p(A)$  is a well-defined element of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Similarly,  $p\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)$  becomes a differential operator,  $p$  induces a map from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , etc.**

**This point of view is used very frequently, for example, in the Cayley-Hamilton theorem, in the fundamental theorem of algebra, in our discussion of LTIDSs, etc.**

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This means the following.

Consider the set

$$(\mathbb{R}[\xi] - \{0\}) \times \mathbb{R}[\xi]$$

with the equivalence relation

$$\llbracket (d_1, n_1) \sim (d_2, n_2) \rrbracket :\Leftrightarrow \llbracket d_1 n_2 = d_2 n_1 \rrbracket$$

Then  $\mathbb{R}(\xi)$  is defined as the set of equivalence classes obtained this way. With the obvious definition of addition and multiplication,  $\mathbb{R}(\xi)$  becomes a field.

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For  $n_1 = 1, n_2 = 2$  this states:

given  $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$ , there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$   
such that

$$m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 = 1$$

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$(P_1, Q_1)$  and  $(P_2, Q_2)$  are both left coprime factorizations of  $M$  over  $\mathbb{R}[\xi]$  iff  $\exists$  a unimodular  $U \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]^{n_1 \times n_1}$  such that

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