Distributional solution theory of linear DAEs

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- Distributional solutions
- Distributional coefficients
- Multiplication of distributions!

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Theorem (Distributions with point support)

$$D \in \mathbb{D}_{\{t\}},\ t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists\, \alpha_0, \ldots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R} : D = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \alpha_i \delta_t^{(i)}$$

Dirac-impulse and its derivatives: $\delta_t^{(i)}(\varphi) = (-1)^i \varphi^{(i)}(t)$
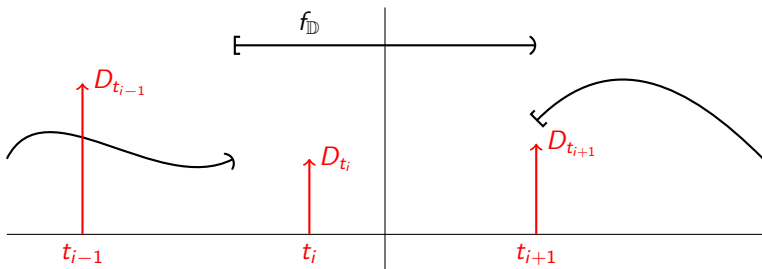
Piecewise smooth distributions

Definition (Piecewise smooth distributions $\mathbb{D}_{\mathrm{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty}$)

$D \in \mathbb{D}_{\mathrm{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty} \subset \mathbb{D}$ is a piecewise smooth distribution

$:\Longleftrightarrow$

$\exists f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty_{\mathrm{pw}} \quad \exists$ **feasible** $T \subseteq \mathbb{R} \quad \exists \left\{ \ D_t \in \mathbb{D}_{\{t\}} \ \mid \ t \in T \ \right\} :$

$$D = f_{\mathbb{D}} + \sum_{t \in T} D_t$$

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- **Associative multiplication (Fuchssteiner multiplication):**
  $G \in \mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty}: \quad FG \in \mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty}$ *with*
  - $(FG)' = F'G + FG'$,
  - $(fg)_\mathbb{D} = f_\mathbb{D} g_\mathbb{D} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{C}^\infty_{\text{pw}}$,
  - $\delta_t F = F(t-)$ *and* $F\delta_t = F(t+)$

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Definition (Multiplication by Dirac impulses)

For $F \in \mathbb{D}_{\mathrm{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$ let

$$\delta_t F := F(t-)\delta_t \quad \text{and} \quad F\delta_t := F(t+)\delta_t$$

and for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\delta_t^{(n+1)} F := \left(\delta_t^{(n)} F\right)' - \delta_t^{(n)} F', \quad F\delta_t^{(n+1)} := \left(F\delta_t^{(n)}\right)' - F'\delta_t^{(n)}.$$

Hence for $F, G \in \mathbb{D}_{\mathrm{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty}$:

$$FG = (fg)_{\mathbb{D}} + f_{\mathbb{D}} F[\cdot] + G[\cdot] g_{\mathbb{D}}$$

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Question: When is a distributional matrix (not) invertible?

Theorem (Invertibility of distributional matrices)

Let $E = (E_{\mathrm{reg}})_{\mathbb{D}} + E[\cdot] \in (\mathbb{D}_{\mathrm{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^{n \times n}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $E_{\mathrm{reg}} \in (\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{pw}}^\infty)^{n \times n}$.

$$E \text{ is invertible} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad E_{\mathrm{reg}} \text{ is invertible in } (\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{pw}}^\infty)^{n \times n}$$

If E is invertible then

$$E^{-1} = (E_{\mathrm{reg}})^{-1} - (E_{\mathrm{reg}})^{-1} E[\cdot] (E_{\mathrm{reg}})^{-1}$$

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Solutions for pure DAEs

Theorem (Solution of a pure DAE)

For $N \in (\mathbb{D}_{\mathrm{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^{n \times n}$ with N_{reg} strictly lower triangular and $v \in (\mathbb{D}_{\mathrm{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^n$ the pure DAE

$$N\dot{x} = x + v$$

has the unique solution

$$x = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (N \frac{\mathrm{d}_{\mathbb{D}}}{\mathrm{d}t})^i (v)$$

Note that for $v = 0$ the only solution is $x = 0$.

Solutions for distributional ODEs

Theorem (Solution of a distributional ODE)

For $A \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^{n \times n}$, $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ with $A[\cdot]_{(-\infty, t_0)} = 0$, and $v \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^n$ all solutions of

$$\dot{x} = Ax + v$$

are given by

$$x = \Phi_{t_0} x_0 + \Psi_{t_0}(v), \quad x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

where $\Phi_{t_0} \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^{n \times n}$ and $\Psi_{t_0} : (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^n \to (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty})^n$ is a linear operator.

The matrix Φ_{t_0} and the operator Ψ_{t_0} are given by ...

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Open question: Can Ψ_{t_0} be written as a (generalized) convolution operator?

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    - Controllability and observability
    - Numerical issues
    - Behavioural approach

Inconsistent initial values

$$E\dot{x} = Ax + v \tag{2}$$

Definition (Inconsistent initial value problem)

Given an initial time $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and some past "trajectory"
$x_0 \in (\mathbb{D}_{\text{pw}\mathcal{C}^\infty} \cap \mathbb{D}_{(-\infty, t_0)})^n$,

$$x \text{ solves the IIVP (2)}, x_{(-\infty, t_0)} = x_0$$
$$\iff$$
$$(E\dot{x})_{[t_0, \infty)} = (Ax + v)_{[t_0, \infty)} \text{ and } x_{(-\infty, t_0)} = x_0.$$

Theorem (Reformulation of an IIVP)

$$x \text{ solves the IIVP (2)}, \ x_{(-\infty, t_0)} = x_0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{E}\dot{x} = \tilde{A}x + \tilde{v},$$

where $\tilde{E} = E_{[t_0, \infty)}$, $\tilde{A} = I_{(-\infty, t_0)} + A_{[t_0, \infty)}$, $\tilde{v} = -x_0 + v_{[t_0, \infty)}$.