$$\frac{dx_{1}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}(t)x_{1} + a_{12}(t)x_{2} + a_{13}(t)x_{3} + \\ \frac{dx_{2}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{21}(t)x_{1} + a_{22}(t)x_{2} + a_{23}(t)x_{3} + \\ a_{21}(t)x_{1} + a_{22}(t)x_{2} + a_{23}(t)x_{3} + \\ f_{2}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$
If  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \\ x_{3} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $F = \begin{pmatrix} f_{1} \\ f_{2} \\ f_{3} \end{pmatrix}$ 

then the system can be written X' = AX + F

- $\rightarrow$  If F = 0, the system is homogeneous
- $\rightarrow$  Finding a solution means finding *X*.

<u>Ex.</u> Write the system in matrix form.

$$x' = 6x + y + z + t$$
  

$$y' = 8x + 7y - z + 10t$$
  

$$z' = 2x + 9y - z + 6t$$
  

$$\chi' = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 8 & 7 & -1 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \chi + \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 10t \\ 6t \\ 6t \end{pmatrix}$$

An IVP means that we are given 
$$X(t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t_0) \\ x_2(t_0) \\ x_3(t_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

Superposition still applies

 $\rightarrow$  If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are solutions, then so is

$$X = C_1 X_1 + C_2 X_2 + \ldots + C_n X_n$$

Linear independence still applies

→  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  are linearly independent if there are no non-zero coefficients such that

$$C_1 X_1 + C_2 X_2 + \ldots + C_n X_n = 0$$

<u>Thm.</u>  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  are linearly independent iff

$$W(X_{1}, X_{2}, ..., X_{n}) = \begin{vmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \cdots & x_{nn} \\ \chi_{1} & \chi_{2} & & \chi_{n} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

Ex. Show that 
$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t}$$
 and  $X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} e^{6t}$  are  
linearly independent.  
 $\begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} 3e^{6t} \\ 5e^{6t} \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-2t} & 3e^{6t} \\ -e^{-2t} & 5e^{6t} \end{vmatrix} = 5e^{4t} - (-3e^{4t}) = 8e^{4t} \neq 0$$
  
... indep.

Any set of *n* linearly independent solutions of the linear system of *n* equations is a fundamental set, and their linear combination is the general solution to the system.

$$\Rightarrow X = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} e^{6t}$$
 is the general solution to  
$$X' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} X$$

For non-homogeneous systems:

 $X_c$  = solution to homogeneous =  $C_1X_1 + C_2X_2 + \ldots + C_nX_n$ 

 $X_p$  = particular solution to non-homogenous

 $X = X_c + X_p$  is the general solution to non-homogenous

$$\underline{Ex.} \quad X_{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 3t - 4 \\ -5t + 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a solution to } X' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} X + \begin{pmatrix} 12t - 11 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_{c} = C_{1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t} + C_{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} e^{6t}$$

$$X = C_{1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t} + C_{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} e^{6t} + \begin{pmatrix} 3t - 4 \\ -5t + 6 \end{pmatrix}$$