

Today: Finish discussion about higher-order case } § 4.1 - § 4.2
 Examples of WPS.

Review for the midterm: * Flow chart

* Tips to avoid common mistakes

* Integration tricks

Resume: higher-order - scalar - linear ODE with constant coeff.s & homogeneous

Ⓘ $a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$: it can be seen as a particular case of a 1-st order - SYSTEM - linear ODE.

Indeed: pose $x_1 = y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x_2 = y'$, ..., $x_i = y^{(i-1)}$, ..., $x_n = y^{(n-1)}$. Then the original ODE

becomes: $y^{(n)} = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} y^{(n-1)} - \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n} y^{(n-2)} - \dots - \frac{a_1}{a_n} y' - \frac{a_0}{a_n} y$

$$\Rightarrow y^{(n)} = (y^{(n-1)})' = \begin{cases} x_n' = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} x_n - \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n} x_{n-1} - \dots - \frac{a_1}{a_n} x_2 - \frac{a_0}{a_n} x_1 \\ x_{n-1}' = x_n \\ x_{n-2}' = x_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ x_1' = x_2 \end{cases}$$

Then we need to remember how the x_i 's are related to each other \rightarrow

$$\Rightarrow x' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & \vdots & \ddots & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & & 1 \\ -\frac{a_0}{a_n} & \dots & \dots & \dots & -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \end{bmatrix} x$$

Pose $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ \vdots \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x' = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} & -\frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n} & \dots & -\frac{a_0}{a_n} \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} x$

$= \text{Id}_{n-1}$

Example: $y^{(3)} - 2y'' + y' + 7y = 0 : x_1 = y, x_2 = y', x_3 = y''$

$\Rightarrow x_3' - 2x_3 + x_2 + 7x_1 = 0$
 $x_2' = x_3$
 $x_1' = x_2$

$\Rightarrow x' = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_3 - x_2 - 7x_1 \\ x_3 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$

\Rightarrow All the thms / strategies seen last time are still valid for this particular case.

Let's see how they translate

\oplus Superposition: ψ & φ solutions to $a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_0 y = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 \psi + c_2 \varphi$ solution as well.

Rmk: obs IVPs can be translated

$$\begin{cases} \text{ODE} \\ y(t_0) = u_0 \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)}(t_0) = u_{n-1} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x' = Ax \\ x(t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} x_n(t_0) \\ \vdots \\ x_1(t_0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ u_0 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$\oplus \exists ! / \text{maximal } I \text{ of } \exists$: any IVP: $\begin{cases} \text{ODE} \\ y(t_0) = u_0 \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)}(t_0) = u_{n-1} \end{cases}$ has unique solution & that solution is defined over \mathbb{R} .

\oplus Set of solutions = vector space of dim n , & you can check if $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ is a basis computing the Wronskian.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{solution to the higher order ODE} \\ \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^{(n-1)} \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_1 \end{pmatrix} = x_1, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_n^{(n-1)} \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_n \end{pmatrix} = x_n$ solutions to the associated system

\updownarrow lin. independent \Leftrightarrow lin. independent.

$\det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 & \dots & \varphi_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)} & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow W(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq 0$
 $\therefore W(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$ (definition of the Wronskian)

Rule: this recovers the 2nd-order case $W(\varphi, \psi) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \varphi & \psi \\ \varphi' & \psi' \end{pmatrix}$. (the same as above, after setting $n=2$)

⊕ The Ansatz: exponential again: indeed the Ansatz for $x' = Ax$ is $e^{rt} \vec{v}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{rt} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ e^{rt} v_n \end{pmatrix}$ & $y = x_1 = e^{rt} \cdot \text{constant} = e^{rt}$ is the right Ansatz also in this case.

The right r ? \Rightarrow characteristic polynomial. (enough to plug in $y = e^{rt}$)

$\Rightarrow p(t) = a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 t + a_0$ & the roots are the right exponents.

Rank: $\det \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} - t & -\frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n} & \dots & -\frac{a_0}{a_n} \\ 1 & -t & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -t & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -t \end{pmatrix} = \left(-\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} - t\right) \det \begin{pmatrix} -t & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & -t \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \det \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} & \dots & -\frac{a_0}{a_n} \\ 1 & -t & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -t & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \cdot (-1)^{n-1} t^{n-1} - (-1)^{n-1} t^n - \left[-\frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n} (-1)^{n-2} t^{n-2} - \det \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a_{n-3}}{a_n} & \dots & -\frac{a_0}{a_n} \\ 1 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -t \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

↑
same type as before but

$(n-2) \times (n-2)$ instead of $(n-1) \times (n-1)$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^n \left[\frac{a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + t^n + a_{n-2} t^{n-2}}{a_n} \right] + \det(\dots) \text{ etc...}$$

one by one we recover all the terms in the polynomial.

$$\Rightarrow (*) \prod_{i=1}^n (t - \lambda_i)^{\mu_i(\lambda_i)} = p(t) \quad \text{--- some } \lambda_i \text{ are complex}$$

λ_i all real

- all different ($\mu_i(\lambda_i) = 1$) \Rightarrow general solution: $C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + \dots + C_n e^{\lambda_n t}$
- some repetition ($\mu_i(\lambda_i) \geq 1$) \Rightarrow $\forall \lambda_i : \mu_i(\lambda_i) = m_i > 1$
 $\Rightarrow e^{\lambda_i t}, t e^{\lambda_i t}, \dots, t^{m_i-1} e^{\lambda_i t}$

Examples (1) $y^{(3)} - y^{(2)} = 0$. char. polynomial: $t^3 - t^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t^2(t-1) = 0 \Rightarrow$

- $t=0 \quad \mu_0(0) = 2$
- $t=1 \quad \mu_0(1) = 1$
- $t=-1 \quad \mu_0(-1) = 1$

\Rightarrow the general solution is $C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 e^t + C_4 e^{-t}$

(2) $y^{(5)} - 2y^{(4)} + y^{(3)} = 0$. char. polynomial $t^5 - 2t^4 + t^3 = 0 \Rightarrow t^3(t^2 - 2t + 1) = 0$
 $t^3(t-1)^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0 \text{ \& } \mu_1 = 3 \text{ \& } \lambda_2 = 2 \text{ \& } \mu_2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{the general solution is } \underbrace{C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^2}_{\text{from } \lambda_1 = 0} + \underbrace{C_4 e^t + C_5 t \cdot e^t}_{\text{from } \lambda_2 = 2}$$

Example of an NP with matrices: $x' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x$, $x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

⊛ Solve the system: 1st) $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & -1 \\ -1 & 1-t \end{pmatrix} = (1-t)^2 - 1 = t^2 - 2t + 1 - 1 = t^2 - 2t = t(t-2)$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \text{ \& } \lambda = 2$$

⊙ $\lambda = 0$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} v = 0$: enough $v_1 - v_2 = 0$: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ works fine

⊙ $\lambda = 2$ $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} v = 0$: enough $v_1 + v_2 = 0$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ✓

$$\Rightarrow \text{general solution } \underline{C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} + C_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

constant vector ↓

Finally: use NP to find C_1 & C_2 : $x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_2 \\ -C_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = 0 \\ C_1 - C_2 = 1 \end{cases}$

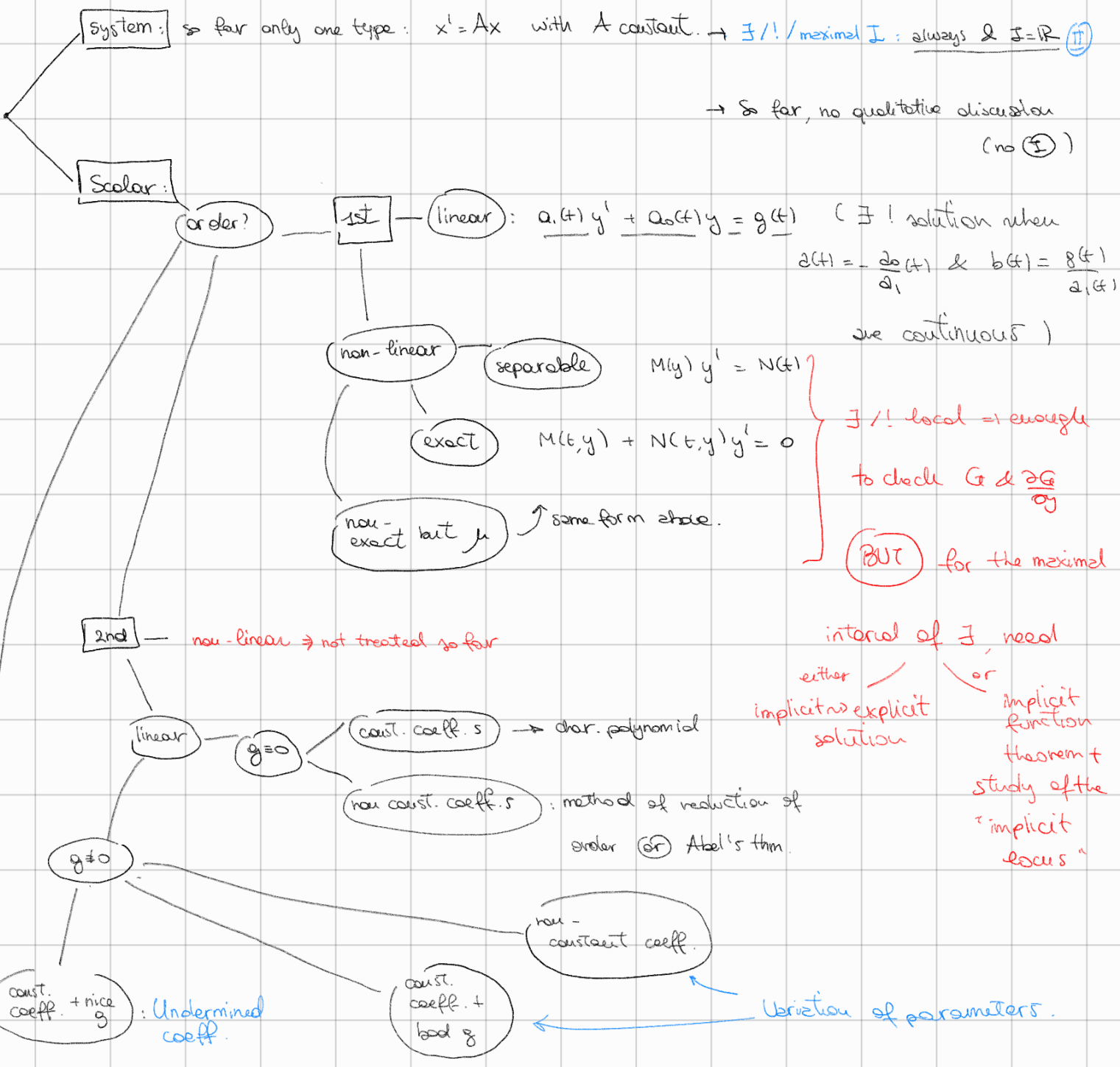
$$\Rightarrow C_1 = -C_2 \quad -2C_2 = 1 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ \& } C_1 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{the (unique) solution is } \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Review for the midterm: 3 types of questions: I) qualitative question = qualitative discussion

II) $\exists!$ / Maximal Interval of \exists Q.

III) solve "THIS" Question

III) Look at the ODE & understand 3 things: scalar / system, order, linearity



higher order

- const. coeff. + hom. + linear - char. polynomial.

Tips for 1st order scalar linear ODE: *) Remember to put it in the standard form

$$a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = g(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y' = -\frac{a_0(t)}{a_1(t)}y + \frac{g(t)}{a_1(t)}$$

*) Make sure at the previous step that you avoided the locus where $a_1(t) = 0$!

*) Make sure to use the formula with the right signs & remember the constant.

$$y(t) = e^{\int a_1(t) dt} \left[\int e^{-\int a_1(t) dt} b(t) dt + K \right]$$

Tips for 2nd-order scalar linear: *) make sure to put everything in the standard form.

$$\left[y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \right]$$

*) If $p(t)$ or $q(t)$ are non constant, even if $g(t) \leftarrow$ "table" you need to see variation of parameters.

Example: $t^2 y'' - t(t+2)y' + (t+2)y = t^3$, $t > 1$.

a) show $y_1(t) = t$ is a solution for the homogeneous one

b) find fundamental set of solutions for the homogeneous

c) find a particular solution.

a) $y_1 = t, y_1' = 1, y_1'' = 0 \Rightarrow 0 - t(t+2) + (t+2)t \Rightarrow \checkmark$

b) Make it into the standard form: 1st of all, I can divide by t^2 since $t > 1$:

$$y'' - \frac{t+2}{t} y' + \frac{t+2}{t^2} y = 0$$

Abel's thm. $w(x, \psi) = G \cdot e^{-\int p(x) dx} : t \cdot \psi' - \psi = C \cdot e^{\int \frac{t+2}{t} dt} = C \cdot e^{\int 1 + \frac{2}{t} dt}$

$\Rightarrow t \psi' - \psi = C \cdot e^{t+2 \ln|t|}$ since $t > 1$, I can remove |t| & divide by t

$$\psi' = \frac{1}{t} \psi + C \cdot e^t \cdot \frac{t^2}{t} = \frac{\psi}{t} + C \cdot t \cdot e^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \psi(t) &= e^{\int \frac{1}{t} dt} \left[\int e^{-\int \frac{1}{t} dt} \cdot C \cdot t \cdot e^t dt + K \right] \\ &= e^{\ln|t|} \left[\int e^{-\ln|t|} \cdot C \cdot t \cdot e^t dt + K \right] \\ &= t \left[C \int e^t dt + K \right] = C t e^t + K t. \quad \Rightarrow \text{pose } K=0 \text{ \& } C=1 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \{t, t e^t\}$ is a fund. set.

c) standard form: $y'' - \frac{t+2}{t} y' + \frac{t+2}{t^2} y = t \leftarrow$ nice & but non-constant coeff's.

\Rightarrow Variation of parameters: $Y_p = -t \int \frac{s \cdot e^s \cdot s}{e^s \cdot s^2} ds + t \cdot e^t \int \frac{s \cdot s}{e^s \cdot s^2} ds$

$$w(x, t e^t) = e^t t^2$$

$$= -t \int 1 ds + t e^t \int e^{-s} ds = -t [t-2] + t e^t [-e^{-t} + e^{-2}]$$

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Pose $t=2 \quad = -t^2 + 2t + t + e^{-2} t \cdot e^t$

Pink: You can use indefinite integrals instead of definite ones [the part which comes from the constant E is a solution to the homogeneous eq.]

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Integration tricks:

$$\frac{1}{\text{polynomial}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{ax+b} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a(x+\frac{b}{a})} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{x+\frac{b}{a}}$$

the primitive is $\ln|x+\frac{b}{a}|$ ← absolute value

2) $\frac{1}{x^2+ax+b}$: 3 cases: $\Delta > 0$ poly = $(x-d_1)(x-d_2)$ & $d_1 \neq d_2$

$\Delta = 0$ poly = $(x-d)^2$ $\Delta < 0$ complex roots

$\Delta > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{(x-d_1) - (x-d_2)}{x^2+ax+b} \cdot \frac{1}{(d_2-d_1)}$ is the same expression but now

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(d_2-d_1)} \left[\frac{1}{x-d_2} - \frac{1}{x-d_1} \right]$ ← reduced to the previous case

Example: $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-3)} = \frac{(x-3) - (x-1)}{2(x-1)(x-3)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x-3} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-3|$

$\Delta = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(x-a)^2} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{(x-a)}$

$\Delta < 0$, rewrite $x^2+ax+b = x^2+ax + \frac{a^2}{4} + b - \frac{a^2}{4} = \left(x + \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + b - \frac{a^2}{4}$

mk: $\Delta < 0$: it means $a^2 - 4b < 0 \Rightarrow 4b - a^2 > 0 \Rightarrow b - \frac{a^2}{4} > 0$ Calcit $\frac{1}{k^2}$ (it is > 0)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k^2} + \left(x + \frac{a}{2}\right)^2} = k^2 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{1 + k^2 \left(x + \frac{a}{2}\right)^2} \right]. \quad \text{Recall: primitive of}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + c^2 x^2} \text{ is } \frac{1}{c} \arctan(cx)$$

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 $c > 0$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{k} \arctan \left(k \left(x + \frac{a}{2} \right) \right) \right] \text{ is the primitive.}$$

II Usefull trigonometric identities: $\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$

$$\cos(2t) = 2\cos^2 t - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 t = \cos^2 - \sin^2$$

$$\sin(2t) = 2\sin(t)\cos(t)$$

For instance: $\int \sin^2(t) \cdot e^t dt = \int \frac{e^t - \cos(2t)e^t}{2} dt$

$$\text{use } \cos(2t) = 1 - 2\sin^2(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2(t) = \frac{1 - \cos(2t)}{2}$$

III Integration by parts: $\int fg dt = fG - \int f'G dt$

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remember the sign

$$= Fg - \int Fg' dt$$

This case: $\int \cos(2t) e^t dt = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) \cdot e^t - \int \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) e^t dt = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) e^t - \left[-\frac{1}{4} \cos(2t) e^t + \dots \right]$

$$- \int \frac{1}{4} \cos(2t) \cdot e^t dt = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) e^t - \frac{1}{4} \cos(2t) e^t - \frac{1}{4} \int \cos(2t) e^t dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} \int \cos(2t) e^t dt = e^t \left[\frac{\sin(2t)}{2} + \frac{\cos(2t)}{4} \right] \quad \leftarrow \text{in the end remember always to put the constant.}$$

IV Substitution: it is a situation where $\int f(g(t))g'(t) dt \rightarrow$ first $F(x) = \int f(x) dx$ & then $F(g(t))$

Rule: if the \int is definite you need to change the extreme of integration!

$$\int_a^b f(g(t))g'(t) dt = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(x) dx$$

$$x = g(t): \quad \begin{aligned} t=b &\Rightarrow g(b)=x \\ t=a &\Rightarrow g(a)=x \end{aligned}$$

Example: (a modification of an exercise in Practice - Midterm 2).

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = e^y + 3e^{-y} - 4 \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases} \quad \otimes \text{ Find the solution.}$$

(1st) $e^y + 3e^{-y} - 4$ for continuous derivative w.r.t. $y \Rightarrow$ P-L theorem applies everywhere.

(2nd) start solving it: it is 1st order - scalar - non linear but separable.

two situations: \square y_0 is such that $e^{y_0} + 3e^{-y_0} - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow y = y_0$ is THE solution.

\square if NOT $\dots \rightarrow$ usual y_0 we can divide by it:

$$\int \frac{1}{e^y + 3e^{-y} - 4} dy = t + K$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ x := e^y \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x + \frac{3}{x} - 4} \cdot \frac{dx}{x} = \int \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x + 3} dx = \int \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-1)} dx \\ \downarrow \\ \ln(x) = y \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow dy = \frac{dx}{x} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{(x-1) - (x-3)}{(x-3)(x-1)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{1}{x-1} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln|e^y - 3| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|e^y - 1| = t + K \quad \text{How to remove l.l.?} \Leftarrow \text{Qualitative discussion.}$$

BACK to ODES: $\exists!$ / Maximal interval of existence.

$$(ty^2 + 3t^2y) + (t^3 + ty^2)y' = 0, \quad y(1) = 1$$

* Check hp of P-L Thm.

* Find the implicit solution

* Find maximal interval of \exists .

$$\text{* Check hp: } y' = G(t, y) = - \frac{y^2 + 3ty}{t^2 + ty} = - \frac{y(y+3t)}{t(t+y)}$$

don't forget to check the derivative

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = - \frac{[y(y+3t)]'}{t(t+y)} + \frac{y(y+3t)}{t^2(t+y)^2} [t(t+y)]' \leftarrow \text{sing. at worst at } t(t+y) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Avoid } t=0 \text{ \& } t+y=0} \quad , \quad t \neq 0 \text{ \& } t+y \neq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{* Solution: exactness: } \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = 2ty + 3t^2 \quad \checkmark \text{ES.}$$

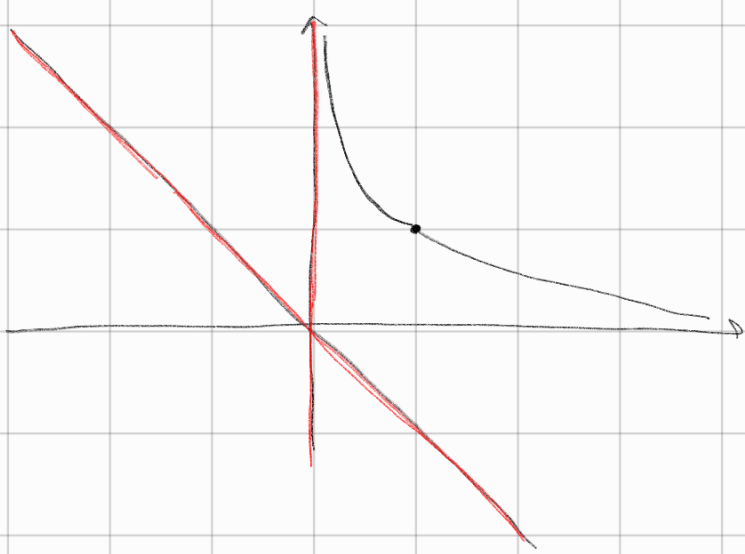
Find Ψ : $\Psi = \int M(t,y) dt + \int N - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} dy + K$

$$= \frac{t^2 y^2}{2} + y \cdot t^3 + \underbrace{\int t^3 + t^3 y - t^3 y - t^3}_{0} dt + K \Rightarrow \Psi = \text{constant.}$$

$$\frac{t^2 y^2}{2} + y t^3 = C \quad ; \quad t=y=1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{3}{2}$$

Maximal interval of existence: find the right branch of the implicit locus.

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{-t^3 \pm \sqrt{t^6 + 3t^2}}{t^2} \quad ; \quad \text{pick } + \text{ in order to match the initial conditions.}$$



red = locus

$$y(t) = -t + \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{3}{t^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = (0, +\infty)$$

$I \neq \emptyset$: enough to check G & $\frac{\partial G}{\partial y}$

maximal interval of I : if ODE linear: $y' = a(t)y + b(t)$ enough to avoid bad locus.

if ODE not-linear \rightarrow you need to use implicit function theorem / discuss

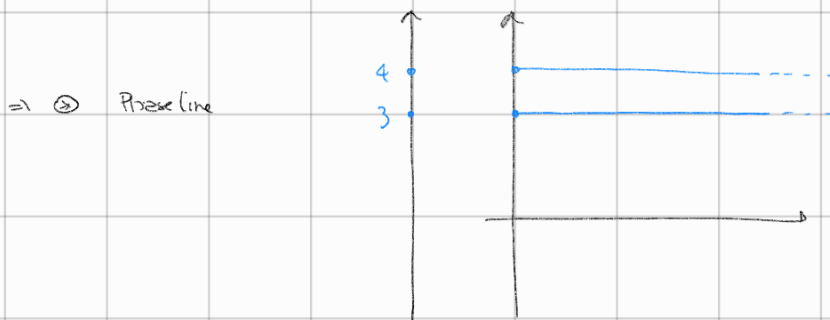
implicit vs explicit solutions.

Qualitative discussion only for $y' = f(y)$

Example: qualitative discussion for $y' = (y-3)(y-4)^2$, $t \geq 0$.

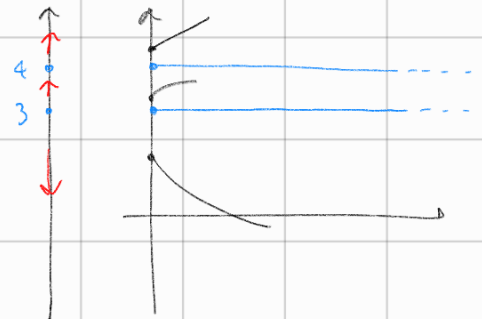
Classification: 1st-order - autonom. - scalar - not-linear ODE.

Eq. points: $y = 3, 4$. $G(x) = (x-3)(x-4)^2$ always continuous & $G'(x)$ same as well.



Fill-in the gaps: $G(y) = (y-3)(y-4)^2 \Rightarrow$

- $y < 3 \Rightarrow -$
- $y > 3 \Rightarrow +$



\Rightarrow 4 semi-stable, 3 unstable, & $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 3$ if $y \in (3, 4)$.

RECALL: We have a trick for the stability: $G'(y_0)$

- $< 0 \Rightarrow$ stable
- $> 0 \Rightarrow$ unstable
- BUT $= 0 \Rightarrow$ unconvulsive

In particular in the case above, the criterion for $y = 3$ works fine, but for $y = 4$ fails (you get $G'(4) = 0!$)
 \Rightarrow you need to study the sign.