

ODEs 5-4

Goal for today - Start a taxonomy of differential equations

- Identify types of equations that have techniques which can produce solutions
- Solve IVPs

First steps in taxonomy

1. ODE or a PDE?

& only or $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \dots$

2. Order of the ODE

= highest order derivative that shows up in the equation

Eg: $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t)$ - The most general 1st Order equation

Eg: $\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} + y^{10} \frac{dy}{dt} = e^t$ - 3rd order

Mostly for now study 1st order ODEs (later: reduce high order 1st order)

3. Linear and non-linear ODEs

Linear equations generally are easier to solve

Eg: $\frac{dy}{dt} + t^4 y = e^t \cdot \sin(t^{10})$ is linear equation because

It is linear in y .

Eg: $\frac{dy}{dt} - y^2 = 0$ is non-linear because it is a higher power of y

Eg: $\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} + f(t) \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + g(t) \frac{dy}{dt} + h(t)y = i(t)$ is linear

Def: A linear ODE is one of the form

$$\sum_{i=0}^N f_i(t) \frac{d^i y}{dt^i} = g(t)$$

The most general first order linear ODE is of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + P(t)y = Q(t)$$

This has an explicit solution in terms of integrating factors which we will learn on Friday

4. Is the ODE autonomous?

An ODE is autonomous if it depends on y - dependent variable
not on t - independent variable

Eg: $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$ (natural growth) A quantity y grows proportional to its size.
is an autonomous ODE

Eg: Non-autonomous ODE
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = \sin(t)y$ - depends on t

The most general 1st order autonomous ODE is
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$

Eg: The most general 1st order linear autonomous ODE
is $\frac{dy}{dt} + a'y = b$

ie. \checkmark linear ODE with constant coefficients

How do we solve $y' + ay = b$?

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t) \Rightarrow y(t) = \int f(t) dt + c$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + ay = b$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = b - ay$$

↪ "y's on one side t's on the other side"

$$\frac{dy}{b-ay} = dt$$

↗ "integrate both sides"

$$\int \frac{dy}{b-ay} = \int dt$$

$$-\frac{1}{a} \log(b-ay) = t + c$$

$$\log(b-ay) = -at + c_1$$

$$b-ay = e^{-at+c_1} = e^{c_1} e^{-at}$$

$$-ay = -b + c_2 e^{-at}$$

$$y = \frac{b}{a} + c_3 e^{-at}$$

Check: $y = \frac{b}{a} + c e^{-at}$ solves $\frac{dy}{dt} + ay = b$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -ace^{-at}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} + ay &= -ace^{-at} + a\left(\frac{b}{a} + ce^{-at}\right) && \stackrel{?}{=} b \\ &= a\frac{b}{a} = b && = b \end{aligned}$$

This equation is an example of a type of equations you can solve by integrating \leadsto separable equations

Separable equations

Def: A 1st order ODE is separable if it can be written as

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = M(y)N(t)$$

Fact: If an equation is separable, it can be solved using separation of variables

Eg: $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 x - 2yx + x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (y^2 - 2y + 1)x$$

$$= (y-1)^2 x$$

separable equation

$$\frac{dy}{(y-1)^2} = x dx$$

divided by $(y-1)^2$ pay attention to $y=1$

$$\int \frac{dy}{(y-1)^2} = \int x dx$$

$$\frac{-1}{y-1} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + c$$

$$(y-1) = \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + c}$$

$y = \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + c} + 1$ is almost the general sol'n to the ODE

If $y(x_0) = 1$ then the ODE $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-1)^2 x$

if $y=1$ then this is $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ so

$y(x) \equiv 1$ is a solution but not $\frac{-1}{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + c} + 1$ for $c \in (-\infty, \infty)$

In general: ODE $\frac{dy}{dt} = M(y)N(t)$ has a constant solution

$y(t) \equiv a$ if $M(a) = 0$.

Justify separation of variables using change of variables

$$\frac{du}{dx} dx = du$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = M(y)N(x) \quad \text{we want to say}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{M(y)} dy = \int N(x) dx + c \quad \text{but we can say}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{M(u)} du = \int \frac{1}{M(u)} \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int \frac{1}{M(y(x))} M(y)N(x) dx = \int N(x) dx.$$

$u(x) = y(x)$ \nearrow change of vars

$$du = \frac{dy}{dx} dx$$

sometimes this is as far as the method goes

Implicit solutions and IVPs

It's frequently the case that isolating y eliminates part of the function

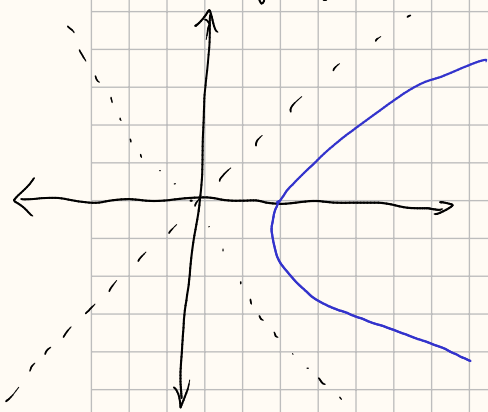
Consider the ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{It is separable}$$

$$y dy = x dx$$

$$\int y dy = \int x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$



$$y^2 - x^2 = C$$

$$y^2 = C + x^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{C + x^2}$$

"General solution"

IVP = Initial Value Problem

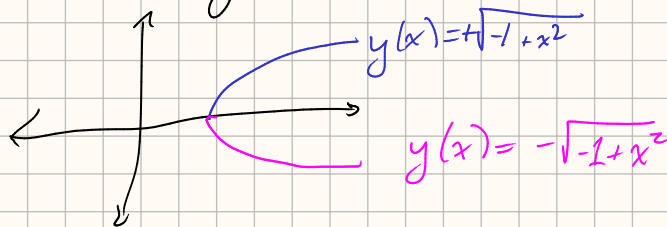
Solve IVP $y(1) = 0$, i.e. find specific solution satisfying this initial condition.

$$y(1) = \sqrt{C+1} = 0 \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$y(x) = \sqrt{-1+x^2}$$



• If our solution is required to be a function, there are two solutions



$$y^2 = -1+x^2$$

is the implicit solution

Solve the IVP for different initial conditions

$$y^2 = c + x^2$$

Solve IVP $y(x_0) = y_0$ for $(x_0, y_0) \in \begin{cases} (1, 0) & A \text{ already done} \\ (0, 1) & -B \\ (2, \sqrt{3}) & C \end{cases}$

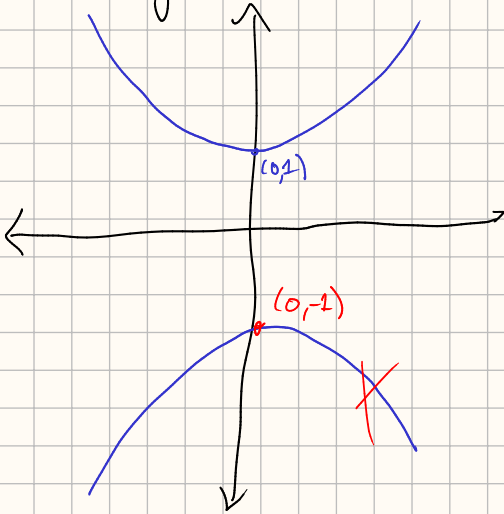
B

$$y(0)^2 = c + 0^2$$

$$(0, 1) \quad 1^2 = c \Rightarrow c = 1$$

Implicit solution is

$$y^2 = 1 + x^2$$



The implicit solution is not really the solution to the IVP

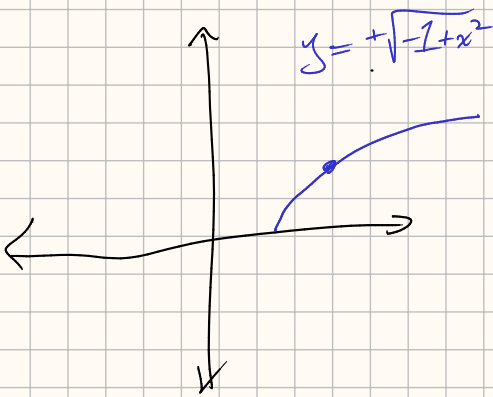
We want the solution $y = +\sqrt{1+x^2}$

C $x_0 = 2 \quad y_0 = \sqrt{3} \quad y^2 = c + x^2$

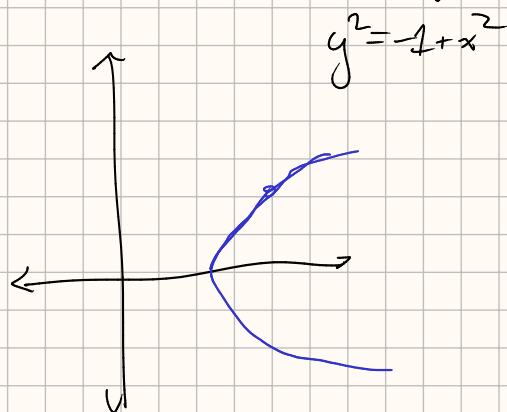
$$\sqrt{3}^2 = y_0(x_0)^2 = c + 2^2$$

$$3 = c + 4 \quad c = -1$$

Now the answer depends if y is a function or can be multi-valued



y is function



y can be multi-valued