

Ex: Show  $y(t) = t+1$  is a solution to  $y' = y - t$  by substitution

$$y' = y - t \quad \text{Since } y(t) = t+1,$$

$$y' = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y - t = (t+1) - t = 1$$

\* process of verifying a solution for a function is important

Ex: Show  $y(t) = Ce^{-t^2}$  is a solution to  $y' = -2ty$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dt}(Ce^{-t^2}) = (e^{-t^2})(-2t) = -2tCe^{-t^2}$$

$$-2ty = -2t(Ce^{-t^2}) \leftarrow \text{Same, so it is solution}$$

Both  $y(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  is defined on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Since  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y = Ce^{-t^2}$  is a solution of the equation on  $(-\infty, \infty)$

\* ie.  $y(t) = Ce^{-t^2}$  gives a different solution to each value of  $C$ . Because of this...

$y(t) = Ce^{-t^2}$  is called the general solution of  $y' = -2ty$  and the graphs of solutions are called solution curves.

Ex: Is  $y(t) = \cos t$  a solution to  $y' = 1 + y^2$

$$\text{LHS: } y' = -\sin t$$

$$\text{RHS: } 1 + y^2 = 1 + \cos^2 t$$

$$-\sin t \neq 1 + \cos^2 t \text{ for most values of } t$$

Not a solution

Initial Value Problem (IVP): When constant  $C$  is undetermined, ODE has  $\infty$  solutions. You need more info to specify solution completely. This solution is called a particular solution.

Ex: If  $y(t) = \frac{-1}{t-c}$  is a general solution of  $y' = y^2$ ,  
find a particular solution for  $y(0) = 1$

$$y(0) = \frac{-1}{0-c} = \frac{1}{c} = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1.$$

I.V.P. [ So  $\boxed{y(t) = \frac{-1}{t-1}}$  is particular solution of  $y' = y^2$  satisfying  $y(0) = 1$

A first-order DE w/ an initial condition:

$$y' = f(t), \quad \underline{y(t_0) = y_0}$$

is called an initial value problem  $\leftarrow$  initial condition (I.C.)

A solution of initial value problem is a diff. function  $y(t)$  such that

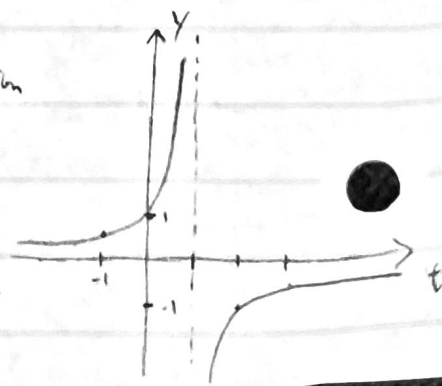
1.  $y'(t) = f(t, y(t))$  for all  $t$  in an interval containing  $t_0$  where  $y(t)$  is defined

2.  $y(t_0) = y_0$

Interval of Existence: the largest interval over which a solution to a DE can be defined and remain a solution. Since solutions to DE's are differentiable, they are CONTINUOUS

Ex: Find interval of existence for solution to IVP.  $y' = y^2$  with  $y(0) = 1$

prev. example: solution:  $y(t) = \frac{-1}{t-1} \rightarrow$



Left branch of hyperbola passes  $(0, 1)$  satisfying  $I$  of  $y(0) = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  left branch of solution curve needed ie. left branch is answer bc it passes thru  $(0, 1)$

- extends indefinitely to the left, but approaches  $\infty$  as it approaches  $t=1$  from left. So

$$\boxed{I \text{ of } E: (-\infty, 1)}$$

Note: Can use variables other than  $y$

Ex:  $y' = x + y$  is in form  $y' = f(x, y)$  making  $x$  ind. variable and requires a solution  $y$  that's a function of  $x$ . Has general solution  $\boxed{y(x) = -1 - x + Ce^x}$  which exists on  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Ex: verify  $x(s) = 2 - Ce^{-s}$  is a solution to  $x' = 2 - x$  for any constant  $C$

$$\text{LHS: } x' = Ce^{-s}$$

$$\text{RHS: } 2 - x = 2 - (2 - Ce^{-s}) = Ce^{-s}$$

DE solved  $s \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$$1 = x(0) = 2 - Ce^{-0} = 2 - C$$

$$1 = 2 - C \Rightarrow C = 1$$

$x(s) = 2 - e^{-s}$  solution to IVP, exists for  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Both  $x(s)$  and  $x'(s)$  exist and solve the equation on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , therefore the  $I$  of  $E$  is the whole real line.

## Geometric Meaning of DES & its solutions

$$y' = f(t, y)$$

$f(t, y)$  defined for  $(t, y)$  in rectangle:

$$R = \{ (t, y) \mid a \leq t \leq b, c \leq y \leq d \}$$

Let  $y(t)$  be a solution to  $y' = f(t, y)$ .

Since  $y(t_0) = y_0$ ,  $(t_0, y_0)$  is on solution curve

Notice that DE gives  $y'(t_0) = f(t_0, y_0)$

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slope of solution curve  
that passes thru  $(t_0, y_0)$

At each point  $(t, y)$  in a rectangle  $R$ , you can make a slope field, just put in  $y' =$  whatever you want the slope of