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Chapter 1

Week 1

1.1 Lecture 1

In this course we will cover four major topics:

- Ordinary Differential Equations
- Linear Algebra
- Vector Calculus
- Integral Calculus

1.1.1 Solutions to First Order ODEs

We are comfortable solving three types of first order ODEs by now:

- Directly integrable: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$

$$y(x) = \int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$$

- Seperable: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y)$

$$\frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \iff \int \frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int f(x)dx \iff G(y(x)) = F(x) + C$$

If G is invertible, then $y(x) = G^{-1}(F(x) + C)$

- Linear: $\frac{dy}{dx} = q(x) - p(x)y$

$$\text{Let } \mu = \exp\left(\int p(x)dx\right) \implies \mu \frac{dy}{dx} + \mu p(x)y = \mu q(x) \iff \frac{d}{dx}(\mu y) = \mu q(x) \iff y(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(x)} \int \mu q(x)dx$$

In many applications, we need to solve an IVP. In general this is an equation of form,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0.$$

In other words, we seek to find solutions to the ODE which pass through the point (x_0, y_0) in the x - y plane.

Example 1.1.1

$\frac{dy}{dx} = x$, $y(0) = 1$ has a unique solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= x \\ y(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C \\ \text{Impose } y(0) &= 1 \\ \therefore 1 &= \frac{1}{2}(0)^2 + C \\ \therefore C &= 1 \\ \therefore y(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 1\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.1.2

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3xy^{1/3}$, $y(0) = 0$ has more than one solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y^{-1/3} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3x \\ \int y^{-1/3} \frac{dy}{dx} dx &= \int 3x dx \\ \int y^{-1/3} dy &= \int 3x dx \\ \frac{3}{2}y^{2/3} + C_1 &= \frac{3}{2}x^2 + C_2 \\ y^{2/3} &= x^2 + C \\ \text{Impose } y(0) &= 0 \\ 0^{2/3} &= 0^2 + C \\ \implies C &= 0 \\ \therefore y^{2/3} &= x^2 \\ \therefore y &= \pm x^3\end{aligned}$$

This is problematic. Our initial value constraint hasn't allowed us to pick one particular solution.

Note:-

The previous IVP has multiple solutions because $f(x, y) = 3xy^{1/3}$ is not differentiable at $y = 0$.

Example 1.1.3

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x-y}{x}$, $y(0) = 1$ has no solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x}{x} - \frac{1}{x}y \\ &= q(x) - p(x)y \\ \frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &= \exp\left(\int p(x)dx\right) \\
&= \exp\left(\int \frac{1}{x}dx\right) \\
&= \exp(\ln(x)) \\
&= x
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu \frac{dy}{dx} + \mu p(x)y = \mu$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xy) = x$$

$$xy = \int x dx$$

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

$$\text{Impose } y(0) = 1$$

$$\therefore 0 \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2}(0)^2 + C$$

$$C = 0$$

$$\therefore y(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$$

However, our general solution **does not** satisfy our initial value constraint, $y(0) = \frac{1}{2}(0) = 0 \neq 1$.

Note:-

Our IVP doesn't have a solution because $f(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{x}$ is not differentiable or continuous around $x = 0$.

We're kind of loosely referring to "existence and uniqueness" theorems, or Picard-Lindelöf Theorem, which generally states:

$$\text{The IVP } \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

has a unique solution around x_0 if:

1. $f(x, y)$ is continuous around (x_0, y_0)
2. $f(x, y)$ is differentiable with respect to y around (x_0, y_0) , ie $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous around (x_0, y_0) .

1.1.2 Existence and Uniqueness

Consider the IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

We are concerned with the conditions under which a solution exists and is unique.

1. (existence, Peano's Theorem) If $f(x, y)$ is continuous in some rectangle

$$R = \{(x, y) \mid |x - x_0| < a, |y - y_0| < b\}$$

then the IVP has at least one solution.

2. (uniqueness, Picard's Theorem) If $f_y(x, y) := \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is also continuous in R then there is some interval $|x - x_0| \leq h \leq a$ which contains at least one solution.

This result only tells us that a solution exists or is unique locally. Beyond R , we simply don't know.

Example 1.1.4

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$f(x, y) = x$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 0$$

These functions are both continuous over \mathbb{R}^2 . Therefore there exists a unique solution

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3xy^{1/3}, \quad y(0) = 0 \text{ has more than one solution:}$$

$$f(x, y) = 3xy^{1/3}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = xy^{-2/3}$$

$f(x, y)$ is continuous over \mathbb{R}^2 so there exists at least one solution. However, f_y has a discontinuity at $y = 0$, so there may or may not be unique solutions (remember, it's not an iff).

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x-y}{x}, \quad y(0) = 1 \text{ has no solutions:}$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{x}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = -\frac{1}{x}$$

$f(x, y)$ and f_y both have discontinuities when $x = 0$, so we don't know from this test if there are solutions, or if the solution is unique.

Note:-

These theorems are not if and only if's. They can fail. For example, take the IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}, \quad y(0) = 1/$$

We see

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}, \quad f_y(x, y) = 0$$

f has a discontinuity when $x = 0$, so the theorem's fail to identify if this IVP has solutions. However, this IVP **does** have a unique solution,

$$y(x) = x^{1/3} + 1,$$

so we need to be careful we're using these theorems correctly. **If** f and f_y are continuous in some region **then** there exists a unique solution in that region.

Example 1.1.5

Solve these:

$$1. \quad y' = y^{2/3}, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$f(x, y) = y^{2/3}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{2}{3}y^{-1/3}$$

Therefore there exist at least one solution to the IVP.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y^{-2/3}y' &= 1 \\
 \int y^{-2/3}dy &= \int 1dx \\
 3y^{1/3} &= x + C \\
 y^{1/3} &= \frac{1}{3}(x + C) \\
 y &= \frac{1}{27}(x + C)^3 \\
 \text{Impose } y(0) &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Imposing the IVP and expanding the cubic expression, will reveal 3 values for C, the nicest of which is 3. The one which satisfies our IVP is

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{27}(x + 3)^3$$

Even though those other solutions exist, only one satisfies the IVP, hence this solution is unique.

2. $y' = (3x^2 + 4x + 2)/(2y - 1), \quad y(0) = 1$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y - 1)}$$

Because of the discontinuity at $y = 1$, our existence theorem fails to identify if solutions exist.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y - 1)} \\
 2(y - 1)y' &= 3x^2 + 4x + 2 \\
 2 \int y - 1 dy &= \int 3x^2 + 4x + 2 dx \\
 y^2 - 2y &= x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + C \\
 y^2 - 2y + 1 &= x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + C + 1 \\
 (y - 1)^2 &= x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + C + 1 \\
 \text{Impose } y(0) &= 1 \\
 ((1) - 1)^2 &= (0)^3 + 2(0)^2 + 2(0) + C + 1 \\
 \iff C &= -1 \\
 \therefore (y - 1)^2 &= x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x \\
 \therefore y(x) &= 1 \pm \sqrt{x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x}
 \end{aligned}$$

The IVP has two solutions.

1.1.3 Method of Successive Approximations

Note:-

WATCH THE BONUS CONTENT FOR THIS CHAPTER'S CONTENT

1.1.4 Exact First Order ODEs

Definition 1.1.1: Exact First Order ODE

Recall that if $z = f(x, y)$ is a differentiable function of x and y , where $x = g(t)$ and $y = h(t)$ are both differentiable functions of t , then z is a differentiable function of t , whose derivative is given by the chain rule:

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Now suppose the equation

$$f(x, y) = C$$

defines y implicitly as a function of x . Then $y = y(x)$ can be shown to satisfy a first order ODE obtained by using the chain rule above. In this case, $z = f(x, y(x)) = C$, so,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} C = 0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \implies f_x + f_y y' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

A first order ODE of form

$$P(x, y) + Q(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

is called exact if there is a function $f(x, y)$ such that

$$f_x(x, y) = P(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad f_y(x, y) = Q(x, y).$$

The solution is then given implicitly by the equation

$$f(x, y) = C,$$

where C can usually be determined by some initial condition.

Theorem 1.1.1 Test for Exactness

Let $P, Q, \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$ be continuous over some region of interest. Then

$$P(x, y) + Q(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

is an exact ODE if and only if

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

everywhere in the region

Proof. 1. Prove: ODE is exact $\implies \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$.

Recall Clairout's Theorem,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \text{ if both } f_{xy} \text{ and } f_{yx} \text{ are continuous in the region.}$$

$$\text{Suppose ODE is exact} \implies \exists f(x, y) : \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = P(x, y), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = Q(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}, \text{ by Clairout's Theorem.}$$

2. Prove: $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \implies$ ODE is exact.

Suppose $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$. We seek a function f such that $f_x = P, f_y = Q$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Take } f(x, y) &= \int_{x_0}^x P(x', y) dx' + \int_{y_0}^y Q(x_0, y') dy' + C \\ f_x(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\int_{x_0}^x P(x', y) dx' + \int_{y_0}^y Q(x_0, y') dy' \right) = P(x, y) \\ f_y(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\int_{x_0}^x P(x', y) dx' + \int_{y_0}^y Q(x_0, y') dy' \right) = Q(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $P(x, y) + Q(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ is an exact ODE $\iff \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$ everywhere in the region. \square

Example 1.1.6

Solve the ODE $2x + e^y + xe^y y' = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}P(x, y) &= 2x + e^y \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} &= e^y \\ Q(x, y) &= xe^y \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} &= e^y \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \text{ODE is exact} \\ \therefore \exists f(x, y) : f_x(x, y) &= P = 2x + e^y \\ \text{and } f_y(x, y) &= Q = xe^y \\ \implies f &= \int P dx = \int (2x + e^y) dx \\ &= x^2 + xe^y + g(y) \\ \implies f_y(x, y) &= xe^y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + xe^y + g(y)) \\ xe^y &= xe^y + \frac{dg}{dy} \\ \implies \frac{dg}{dy} &= 0 \\ \therefore f(x, y) &= x^2 + xe^y + C\end{aligned}$$

All solutions to ODE: $f(x, y) = k$.

$$\begin{aligned}\iff x^2 + xe^y &= k' & (k' = k - C) \\ \iff y &= \ln \left(\frac{k' - x^2}{x} \right)\end{aligned}$$