

Mathematics of change

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See SIR model for spread of pandemics

Course: basic calculus, 1<sup>st</sup> order linear DEs, nonlinear 1<sup>st</sup> order DEs,  
higher-order DEs, multivariate functions and applications

Definition A differential equation is an equation involving  
derivatives of function(s).

Informal definition (Limit)

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = A$  then  $f(x)$  can be made  
arbitrarily close to  $A$  by making  $x$  sufficiently  
close to  $x_0$ . (Note  $f(x_0) = A$  isn't necessarily true)

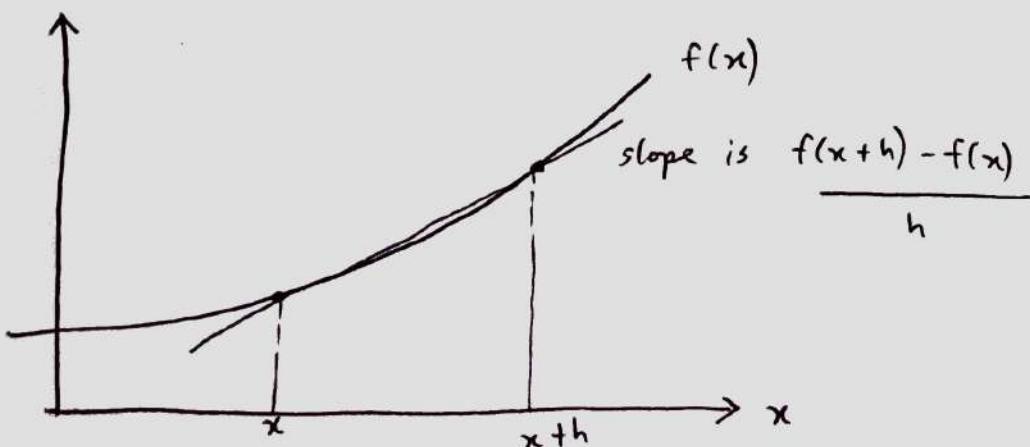
There are one-sided limits

From left:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) = A$  (require  $x < x_0$ )

From right:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = A$  (require  $x > x_0$ )

Definition (Derivative) The derivative of a function  $f(x)$  with  
respect to its argument  $x$  is

$$\frac{df}{dx} := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad (1.1)$$



For the derivative to exist at point x, we require

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

e.g.  $|x|$  is not differentiable at  $x=0$  but it is elsewhere.

### Notation for derivatives:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = f'(x) = \dot{f}(x)$$

For sufficiently smooth functions (derivative exists at each step) we can define derivatives recursively

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{df}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = f''(x) = \ddot{f}(x)$$

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ derivative is } \frac{d^n f}{dx^n} = f^{(n)}(x)$$

## Rules for differentiation

Chain rule Consider  $f(x) = F(g(x))$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = F'(g(x)) \frac{dg}{dx} = \frac{df}{dg} \frac{dg}{dx}$$

Product rule      Consider  $f(x) = u(x)v(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{df}{dx} &= u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x) \\ &= u'v + vu'\end{aligned}$$

(prove by definition, see example sheets)

## Leibnitz' rule (generalisation of product rule)

Consider  $f(x) = u(x)v(x)$

$$f' = u'v + uv'$$

$$f'' = u''v + 2u'v' + uv''$$

$$f''' = u'''v + 3u''v' + 3u'v'' + uv'''$$

$$\text{Rule: } f^{(n)}(x) = u^{(n)}v + nu^{(n-1)}v' + \dots + \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}u^{(n-m)}v^{(m)}$$

$$+ \dots + uv^{(n)}$$

$$\text{so } f^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} u^{(n-k)} v^{(k)}$$

(prove by induction)

## Order of magnitude

Goal is to compare the sizes of functions, in the vicinity of specific points.

1. "little oh" :  $\underline{o}$

2. "big oh" :  $\underline{\Theta}$

1. "little oh" : Defined as  $f(x) = \underline{o}(g(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$

$$\text{if } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0 \quad (1.5)$$

Informally: " $f(x)$  is much smaller than  $g(x)$ " locally

Example  $x^2 = \underline{o}(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  : here  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  
 $g(x) = x$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0 .$$

## 2. "Big oh"

$$f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x)) \text{ as } x \rightarrow x_0$$

Informally: "Can  $f(x)$  be bounded by  $g(x)$ ?"

Case A  $x_0$  is finite

$f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$  iff there exist  $M, \delta > 0$   
such that  $\forall x$  where  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ , we have  
 $|f(x)| \leq M|g(x)|$ .

Loosely this means "around  $x_0$ , we can bound  $f(x)$  by  
(a multiple/scaling of)  $g(x)$ ".

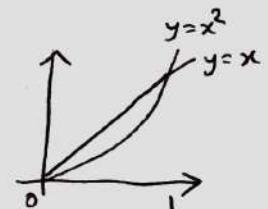
Case B  $x_0$  is infinite ( $x \rightarrow \infty$ )

$f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  if there exist  $M, x_1 > 0$   
such that for all  $x > x_1$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq M|g(x)|$ .

Examples •  $x^2 = \mathcal{O}(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

We can choose  $\delta = 1$  and  $M = 1$ :

$\forall x : |x| < 1$  we have  $|x^2| \leq |x|$ .



•  $x \neq \mathcal{O}(x^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

Suppose  $x = \mathcal{O}(x^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Then there are  $M, \delta$  such that for  $|x - x_0| < \delta$  we have

$|f(x)| \leq M|g(x)|$ , that is for  $|x| < \delta$

we have  $|x| \leq Mx^2$ .

By symmetry about  $x=0$ , consider  $x \leq Mx^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow Mx^2 - x \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x(Mx - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq \frac{1}{M}$$

but for  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{M}$ ,  $Mx^2 - x < 0 \Rightarrow x > Mx^2$ .

So no matter the choice of  $M$ , we still have  
 $x > Mx^2$  for sufficiently small  $x$  so  $x \neq \mathcal{O}(x^2)$  for  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

- $x^2 = o(x^2), \quad x \rightarrow 0$

Just choose  $M=1$  and  $\delta > 0$ .

- $2x^3 + 4x + 12 = o(x^3) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$

that is  $\exists M, x_1 \text{ s.t. } \forall x > x_1, |2x^3 + 4x + 12| \leq M|x^3|$ .

Now a link to the equation of a tangent line:

$$\frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_0} = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{by definition.}$$

$$f(x) = o(g(x)) \text{ iff } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0, \quad \text{so}$$

by definition  $\frac{o(g(x))}{g(x)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$ .

So we have  $\frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_0} = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} + \frac{o(h)}{h} \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0$ .

Rearranging:

$$f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_0} h + o(h) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0$$



first 2 terms of Taylor series

Let  $x = x_0 + h, \quad y = f(x), \quad m = \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_0}$

giving a more familiar form

$$f(x) = y = y_0 + m(x - x_0) + o(h)$$

- similar form to eqn of line.

"Little oh" - function locally much smaller than  $g(x)$

"Big oh" - function locally bounded by  $g(x)$

Taylor Series

Suppose we want to approximate  $f(x)$  with a polynomial of order  $n$ .

$$\text{i.e. } f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n = P_n(x).$$

$$\text{Note } f'(x) \approx a_1 + 2a_2 x + \dots + n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$f''(x) \approx 2a_2 + \dots + n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} \quad \text{etc.}$$

Evaluate all at  $x=0$ :

$$f(0) = a_0, \quad f'(0) = a_1, \quad f''(0) = 2a_2, \dots, \quad f^{(n)}(0) = n! a_n$$

$$\text{Hence } P_n(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0).$$

For  $x=x_0$  we "shift back to 0":

$$P_n(x) \approx f(x_0) + (x-x_0) f'(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!} f''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{(x-x_0)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0)$$

$P_n(x)$  is the Taylor polynomial of degree  $n$ .

Alternatively we can write

$$\underline{f(x) = P_n(x) + E_n} \quad (2.1)$$

$E_n$  = error (or remainder)

$$\text{Recall from Lecture 1: } f(x+h) = f(x) + h f'(x) + \underline{o(h)}$$

as  $h \rightarrow 0$ .

This can be generalised, provided that the first  $n$  derivatives of  $f(x)$  exist.

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + h f'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(x) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x) + \underline{o(h)}$$

(show by recursively using derivative definition) (2.2)

Comparing 2.1 and 2.2:

$$E_n = \underline{o}(h^n)$$

Taylor's Theorem  $E_n = \mathcal{O}(h^{n+1})$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$  provided that  $f^{(n+1)}(x)$  exists.

Proof will be done in 1A Analysis

Note this is a stronger statement than  $E_n = \underline{o}(h^n)$

e.g.  $h^{n+a} = \underline{o}(h^n)$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$   $\forall a \in (0, 1)$

since  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^{n+a}}{h^n} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^a = 0$

But  $h^{n+a} \neq \mathcal{O}(h^{n+1})$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$  for  $a \in (0, 1)$ .

We can't keep  $h^{n+a}$  smaller than  $h^{n+1}$  everywhere in the interval near  $h=0$  for arbitrarily small  $h$ .

### L'Hôpital's Rule

Let  $f(x), g(x)$  be differentiable at  $x = x_0$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = g(x_0) = 0.$$

(i.e.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is a " $\frac{0}{0}$ " limit.)

Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$  if  $g'(x_0) \neq 0$ .

### Proof

As  $x \rightarrow x_0$

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x-x_0) f'(x_0) + \underline{o}(x-x_0)$$

$$g(x) = g(x_0) + (x-x_0) g'(x_0) + \underline{o}(x-x_0)$$

$$f(x_0), g(x_0) = 0$$

So as  $x \rightarrow x_0$  ( $x - x_0 \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(x_0) + \frac{o(x-x_0)}{x-x_0}}{g'(x_0) + \frac{o(x-x_0)}{x-x_0}}$$

dividing through  
by  $x - x_0$

From definition of  $\underline{o}$ , we have  $\lim_{x-x_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{o(x-x_0)}{x-x_0} = 0$

$$\text{so } \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(x_0)}{g'(x_0)} \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow x_0.$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}. \quad \square$$

This generalises to higher order derivatives

$$\text{e.g. } f(x) = 3\sin x - \sin 3x \quad (\text{Exercise})$$

$$g(x) = 2x - \sin 2x$$

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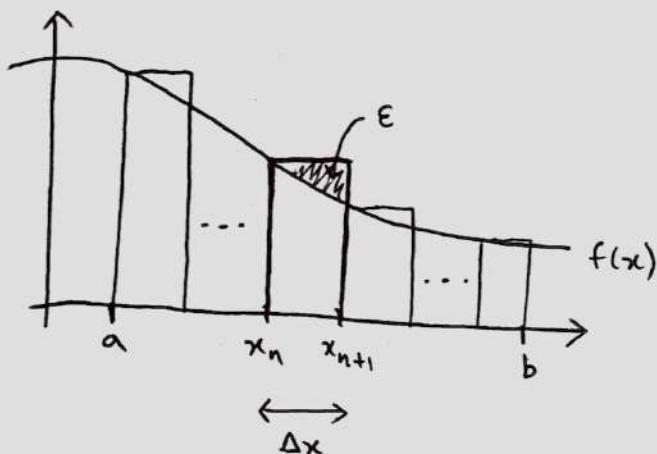
$$\text{Show } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 3.$$

### Integration

Note: here we assume functions are sufficiently well-behaved for the integral to exist.

Consider  $\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(x_n) \Delta x$  with  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$ ,  $x_n = a + n \Delta x$

$\hat{(3.1)}$



How close is (3.1) to the area under the curve for some large  $N$ ?

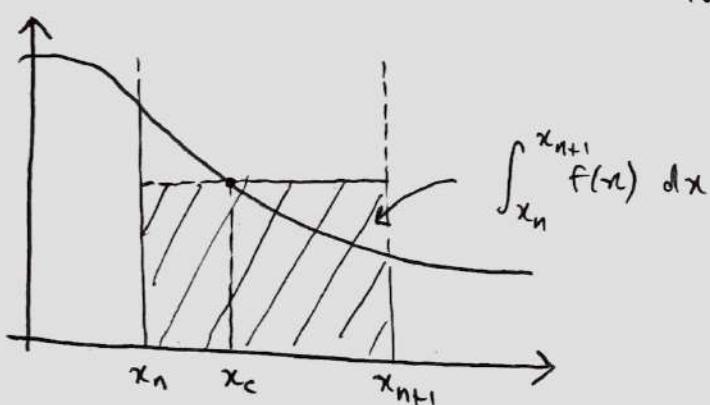
How big is  $\epsilon$ ?

### Mean Value Theorem (MVT) (for def. integrals)

For a continuous  $f(x)$ :

$$\int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x) dx = f(x_c)(x_{n+1} - x_n)$$

for some  $x_c \in (x_n, x_{n+1})$



Expand  $f(x)$  in a Taylor series about  $x = x_n$ , then evaluate at  $x = x_c$ .

$$f(x_c) = f(x_n) + \theta(x_c - x_n)$$

(small error in the expansion)

by Taylor's theorem.

(as  $x_c - x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Delta x$  reduced)

PTO

$$f(x_c) = f(x_n) + \theta(x_{n+1} - x_n) \quad \text{because } |x_{n+1} - x_n| > |x_c - x_n|$$

so if the error can be bounded by some constant multiple of  $x_c - x_n$ , then it can also be bounded by  $x_{n+1} - x_n$  (larger).

$$\int_a^{x_{n+1}} f(x) dx \quad \text{Hence} \quad \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x) dx = [f(x_n) + \theta(x_{n+1} - x_n)] (x_{n+1} - x_n)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $f(x_c)$

by (3.2). Or if  $\Delta x = x_{n+1} - x_n$  then this becomes

$$\int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x) dx = \Delta x f(x_n) + \theta(\Delta x^2) \quad (3.3)$$

$\uparrow$   
think: why can you do this?

$\Delta x f(x_n)$  is rectangle area

$\theta(\Delta x^2)$  is the error, giving how it is bounded.

$$\underline{\epsilon = \theta(\Delta x^2)}$$

from interpreting graphically

$$\text{Hence } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ (N \rightarrow \infty)}} \left\{ \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(x_n) \Delta x \right] + \theta(N \Delta x^2) \right\}$$

$$\text{Note } \theta(N \Delta x^2) = \theta\left(\frac{(b-a)^2}{N}\right) \quad \text{as } \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$$

Letting  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  is letting  $N \rightarrow \infty$  (as  $a, b$  fixed)

$$\text{So } \theta\left(\frac{(b-a)^2}{N}\right) = 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

Error is bounded by constant multiple of a function that goes to 0 as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . So error  $\rightarrow 0$  as well.

$$\text{Hence} \quad \boxed{\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(x_n) \Delta x} \quad (3.4)$$

Can think of this as the definition of a definite integral.

## The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (FTC)

$$\text{Let } F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$$

From derivative definition

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dF}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left\{ \int_a^{x+h} f(t) dt - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right\} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ f(x) h + o(h^2) \right] \quad \text{by (3.3)} \\
 &\quad \text{with } h = \Delta x \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( f(x) + \frac{o(h^2)}{h} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( f(x) + o(h) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$h \rightarrow 0$  and  $o(h)$  is bounded by  $h$  that goes to 0,

so  $o(h) \rightarrow 0$ :

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \underline{f(x)}.$$

So

$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x).$

(FTC)
  
(3.5)

(Note FTC is really a DE:  $F(x)$  is a solution).

Corollaries to FTC:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_x^b f(t) dt = -f(x) \quad (3.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{g(x)} f(t) dt &= \frac{d}{dx} F(g(x)) = g'(x) F'(g(x)) \\
 &= f(g(x)) \frac{dg}{dx}
 \end{aligned}$$
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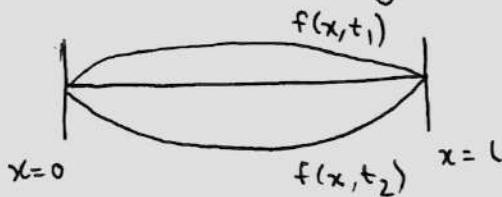
## Indefinite integrals

$$\int f(x) \, dx \equiv \int_{x_0}^x f(t) \, dt \quad (\text{for some arbitrary } x_0 \text{ that determines the constant of integration}).$$

Introduction to Multivariate Functions

Functions may involve more than one independent variable.

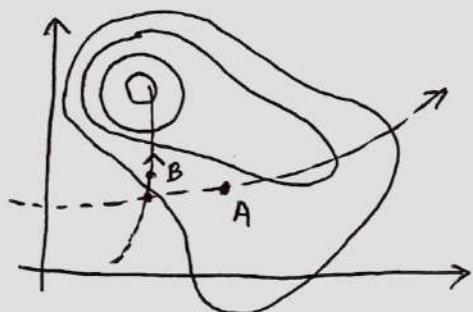
Example waves on a string



where  $f(x, t)$  is height displacement of string

How do we define a derivative for such functions?

Suppose  $f(x, y)$  is elevation of the terrain at a location  $(x, y)$



"Gradient" or slope depends on where the path is and the direction taken.

Partial Derivatives

Partial derivative of  $f(x, y)$  wrt  $x$ :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\delta x} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_x = \lim_{\delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \delta y) - f(x, y)}{\delta y} \quad (4.2)$$

Example  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^3 + e^{xy^2}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y = 2x + y^2 e^{xy^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \Big|_y = 2 + y^4 e^{xy^2}$$

We can also take cross-derivatives

e.g.  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y \right) \Big|_x = 2ye^{xy^2} + 2xy^3 e^{xy^2}$

Often we omit  $|_x$  etc, and use of  $\partial$  implies that all other variables are fixed. So above is  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ .

Note  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  (can check easily) (4.2)  
if all derivatives exist.

e.g. with  $f(x, y, z)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{yz} \neq \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y : \text{depends on the "path" in } z$$

### Shorthand notation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = f_{xy} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f_{xx}$$

### Multivariate Chain Rule (MV chain rule)

This is the chain rule applied to functions of more than one variable.

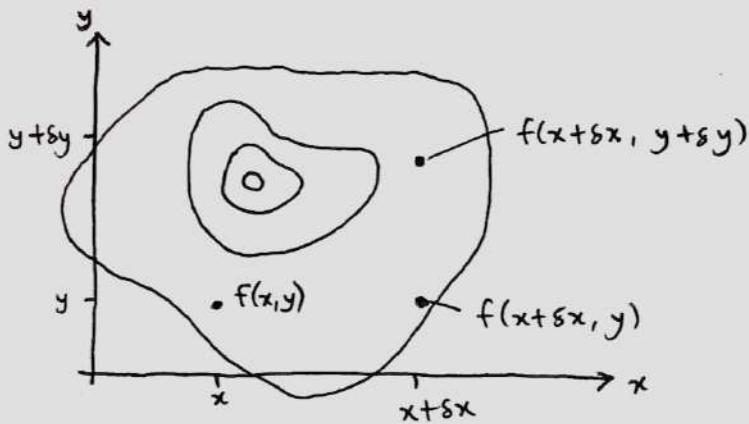
e.g.  $f(x(t), y(t))$

What is  $\frac{df}{dt}$ ?

First define differential of a function.

Definition Differential of  $f$  is

$$\underline{\delta f = f(x+sx, y+sy) - f(x, y)} \quad (4.3)$$



Add and subtract  $f(x + s\Delta x, y)$  from the  $\delta f$  definition.

$$(*) \quad \delta f = f(x + s\Delta x, y + s\Delta y) - f(x + s\Delta x, y) + f(x + s\Delta x, y) - f(x, y)$$

Recall Taylor series:

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + \frac{df}{dx}|_{x_0} h + o(h)$$

Then in (\*) we can expand  $f(x + s\Delta x, y + s\Delta y)$  in  $y$  (note  $y = x_0, s\Delta y = h$ ) and  $f(x + s\Delta x, y)$  in  $x$  ( $x = x_0, s\Delta x = h$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \delta f &= \cancel{f(x + s\Delta x, y)} + s\Delta y \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x + s\Delta x, y) \right) + o(s\Delta y) - \cancel{f(x + s\Delta x, y)} \\ &\quad + \cancel{f(x, y)} + s\Delta x \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) \right) + o(s\Delta x) - \cancel{f(x, y)} \quad (+) \end{aligned}$$

as  $s\Delta x, s\Delta y \rightarrow 0$ .

We can also expand the function  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x + s\Delta x, y)$  with a TS in  $x$ :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x + s\Delta x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) + s\Delta x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) \right) + o(s\Delta x)$$

Then from (+) we have

(also goes to 0 due to  $s\Delta x s\Delta y$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \delta f &= s\Delta y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) + s\Delta x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) \right) + s\Delta x s\Delta y \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) \\ &\quad + o(s\Delta x) + o(s\Delta y) + o(s\Delta x s\Delta y) \quad \text{as } s\Delta x, s\Delta y \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then the  $o$  terms go to 0, leaving

$$\delta f = s\Delta x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) + s\Delta y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y)$$

and letting

$s\Delta x, s\Delta y \rightarrow 0$  we can write

$$(4.5) \quad df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

writing " $df$ " =  $\lim_{s\Delta x, s\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \delta f$  etc.

We can apply (4.5) by dividing by another differential (before taking the limit)

Example  $\frac{d}{dt} f(x(t), y(t))$

$$(4.6) \quad \frac{df}{dt} = \lim_{\delta x, \delta y, \delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \right]$$

from "dividing"  
MV chain rule (4.5)  
by  $dt$ .

The multivariate chain rule

Similarly if  $f = f(x, y(x))$  then

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

Standard way to write is

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

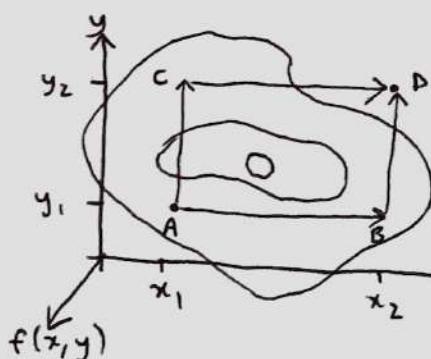
To get the integral form, integrate (4.5) :

$$\int df = \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy \quad (4.7)$$

MV chain rule in integral form

Note: need to integrate 4.7 along a path\* from  $(x_1, y_1)$  to  $(x_2, y_2)$

e.g.  $f(x, y)$ :



$$f(x_2, y_2) - f(x_1, y_1) = \int_{x_1, y_1}^{x_2, y_2} df = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y_1) dx + \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_2, y) dy$$

$\downarrow$   $A \rightarrow C$        $\downarrow$   $C \rightarrow D$

$$= \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_1, y) dy + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y_2) dx$$

$$\neq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y_1) dx + \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_1, y) dy \quad (A \rightarrow B \text{ then } A \rightarrow C)$$

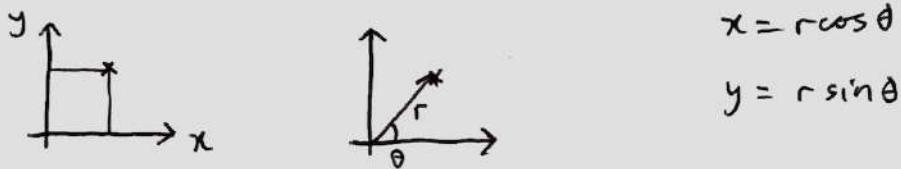
\* can think of as a "change in elevation"

Applications of multivariate chain rule

1) Change of variables

It's often useful to write a DE in a different coordinate system before solving (e.g. cartesian  $\rightarrow$  polar)

Transform derivatives into new system



first write  $f = f(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta))$

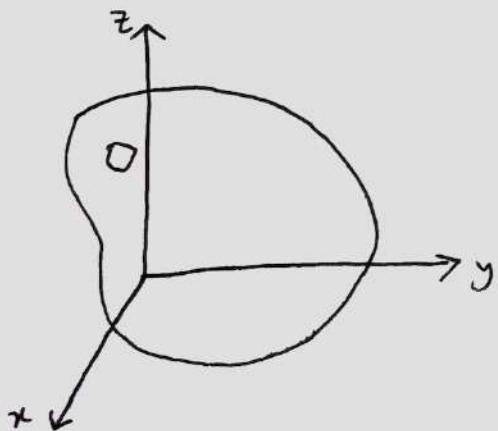
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial r}|_{\theta} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_y \frac{\partial x}{\partial r}|_{\theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_x \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}|_{\theta} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_y \cos \theta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_x \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

Similar procedure for other derivatives.

2) Implicit differentiation

Consider  $f(x, y, z) = c$        $c$  constant

Describes a surface in 3D



Example  $xy + y^2 z + z^5 = 1 \quad (5.1)$

(5.1) implicitly defines

$x(y, z)$ ,  $y(x, z)$ ,  $z(x, y)$

We can't write  $z(x, y)$  explicitly  
(quintic)

Can still find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}|_y$  explicitly.

(Use implicit differentiation)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_y \quad (5.1) \Rightarrow y + y^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_y + 5z^4 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_y = 0$$

In general, consider  $f(x, y, z)$   $\underline{f(x, y, z(x, y))} = c$   
impliedly  $z = z(x, y)$

Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_y$ .

Use MV chain rule. (Differential form)

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{yz} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{xz} dy + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \Big|_{xy} dz \quad (5.2)$$

Find rate of change wrt  $x$  for fixed  $y$  along the surface  $f = c$ . \*

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y = \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{yz} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \Big|_y}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{xz} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \Big|_y}_{\text{fixed } y=0} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \Big|_{xy} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_y$$

("divide" (5.2) by  $\partial x$  to turn into derivatives.)

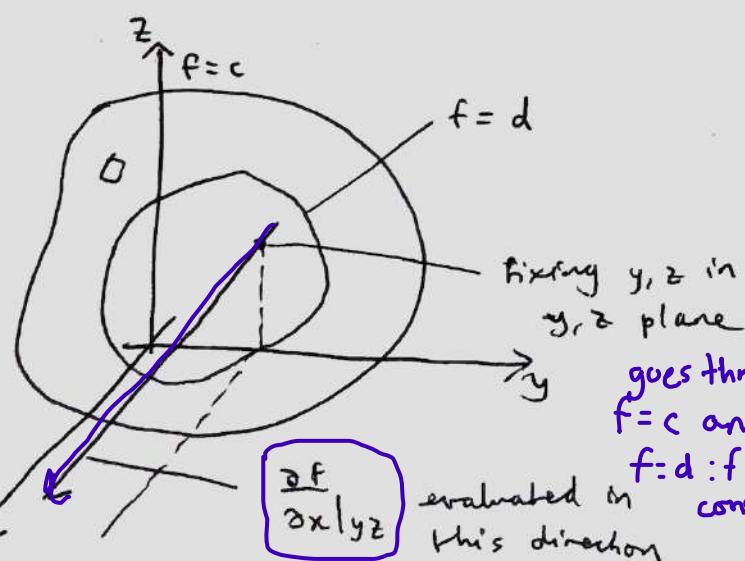
$$\text{so } \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y}_0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{yz} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \Big|_{xy} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_y \quad (5.21)$$

0: moving along  $f=c$  surface  $z(x, y)$

Note

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{yz} \neq 0 \text{ in general}$$

so ~~from~~ from (5.21)



we get

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Big|_y = - \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{yz}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \Big|_{xy}}$$

fixing  $y, z$  in  $y, z$  plane  
goes through  $f=c$  and  $f=d$ :  $f$  not constant

\* choose this so  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y$  will become 0  
Fixing just  $y$  can keep you "stuck" on the surface  $f=c$ :  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_y = 0$

## Reciprocal rule

Applies to partial derivatives as long as same variables fixed e.g.  $f(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta))$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x/y} = \frac{1}{\partial x/\partial r/y}$$

but  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\partial x/\partial r}$  ←

↑                   ↑  
fixed y          fixed θ

Can't use: doesn't  
fix the same variables.

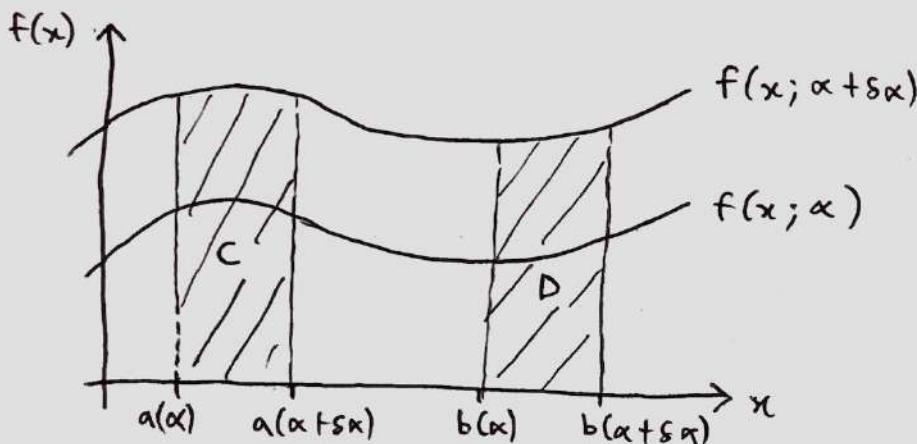
### 3) Differentiable integral wrt its parameters

Consider a family of functions  $f(x; \alpha)$  where  $\alpha$  is a parameter

e.g.  $f(x; \alpha) = \log_\alpha x$

Define  $I(\alpha) = \int_{a(\alpha)}^{b(\alpha)} f(x; \alpha) dx$ . What is  $\frac{dI}{d\alpha}$ ?

$$\frac{dI}{d\alpha} = \lim_{\delta\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{I(\alpha + \delta\alpha) - I(\alpha)}{\delta\alpha}$$



Exercise: divide up  
graph into areas  
and check that  
this works.  
↓

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI}{d\alpha} &= \lim_{\delta\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta\alpha} \left[ \int_{a(\alpha+\delta\alpha)}^{b(\alpha+\delta\alpha)} f(x; \alpha+\delta\alpha) dx - \int_{a(\alpha)}^{b(\alpha)} f(x; \alpha) dx \right] \\ &= \lim_{\delta\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta\alpha} \left[ \int_{a(\alpha)}^{b(\alpha)} f(x; \alpha+\delta\alpha) - f(x; \alpha) dx - \int_{a(\alpha)}^{a(\alpha+\delta\alpha)} f(x; \alpha+\delta\alpha) dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{b(\alpha)}^{b(\alpha+\delta\alpha)} f(x; \alpha+\delta\alpha) dx \right] \quad \leftarrow (5.22) \end{aligned}$$

Can put  $\frac{1}{\delta\alpha}$  inside the first term, giving  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha}$  in the first integral.

Consider  $\frac{1}{\delta\alpha} \int_{a(\alpha)}^{a(\alpha+\delta\alpha)} f(x; \alpha + \delta\alpha) dx$  as  $\delta\alpha \rightarrow 0$ .

Then  $a(\alpha + \delta\alpha) \rightarrow a(\alpha)$  so the value of  $x$  gets very close to  $\underline{a(\alpha)}$  so  $f(x; \alpha + \delta\alpha)$  effectively becomes  $f(a; \alpha)$  giving

$$f(a; \alpha) \int_{a(\alpha)}^{a(\alpha+\delta\alpha)} \frac{1}{\delta\alpha} dx = f(a; \alpha) \frac{a(\alpha+\delta\alpha) - a(\alpha)}{\delta\alpha}$$

as  $\delta\alpha \rightarrow 0$

$$= f(a; \alpha) \underline{\frac{da}{d\alpha}}.$$

Similarly for the 3rd term we get  $f(b; \alpha) \frac{db}{d\alpha}$ .

So from (5.22) we get

$$\frac{dI}{d\alpha} = \int_{a(\alpha)}^{b(\alpha)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} dx + f(b; \alpha) \frac{db}{d\alpha} - f(a; \alpha) \frac{da}{d\alpha} \quad (5.3).$$

Notice that the last 2 terms disappear for constant  $a, b$  giving the standard DUTIS formula.

Section 2 : First order linear ODEs

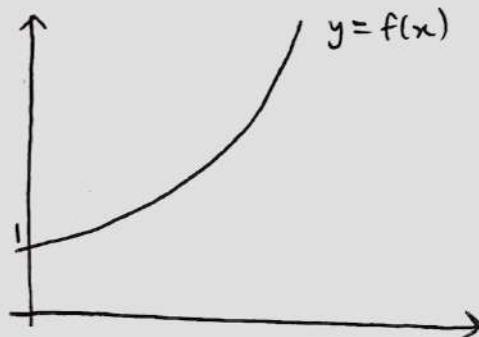
Terminology

- Ordinary DE (ODE) : DE involving a function of one variable
- Partial DE (PDE) : DE involving a function / functions of more than one variable (partial derivatives)
- $n^{\text{th}}$  order DE : highest order derivative is  $n$
- Linear DE : dependent variable appears linearly  
e.g.  $x^2 y + y' = 0$  is 1st order and linear  
( $y$  appears linearly)

Prelude Exponential Function

Consider  $f(x) = a^x$ ,  $a > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{x+h} - a^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} a^x \frac{a^h - 1}{h} \\ &= a^x \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h}}_{\lambda \text{ (constant: no } x\text{)}} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{df}{dx} = \lambda a^x \end{aligned} \quad (6.1)$$



Define  $\exp(x) = e^x$  as the solution to the DE

$$\frac{df}{dx} = f(x) \text{ with } f(0) = 1. \quad (6.2)$$

Then  $e$  is the value of  $a$  such that  $\lambda = 1$ :

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h} = 1 \quad \text{Numerically } e = 2.718\dots$$

Natural logarithm  $\ln x$  is the inverse of  $e^x$  such that

$$e^{\ln x} = x$$

Consider (6.1). Let  $y(x) = a^x = (e^{\ln a})^x = e^{x \ln a}$

Then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \ln a e^{x \ln a} = \underline{a^x \ln a}$

Hence in (6.1)  $\lambda = \ln a$ .

The exponential function plays a central role in DEs as it is the eigenfunction of the differential operator.

The eigenfunction of an operator is unchanged by the action of the operator, except for a multiplicative scaling by the eigenvalue.

Terminology from David Hilbert: "eigen" German for own

Consider  $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{\lambda x}) = \lambda e^{\lambda x}$  so  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue.

Rules for linear ODEs ( $n^{\text{th}}$  order)

1) Any linear homogeneous ODE with constant coefficients has solutions in the form of  $e^{\lambda x}$ .

Homogeneous: all terms in equation involve the dependent variable (e.g.  $y$ ) or its derivatives.

Constant coefficients: independent variable (e.g.  $x$ ) doesn't appear explicitly

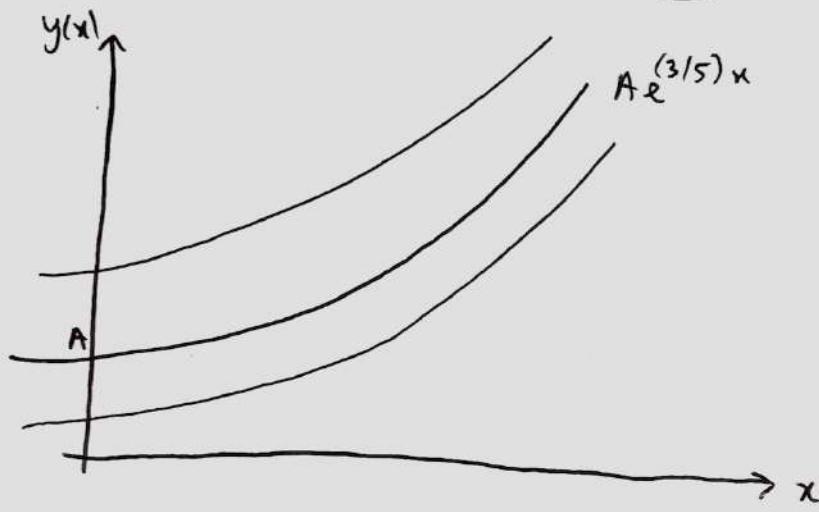
e.g.  $5y' - 3y = 0 \quad (6.3)$

Try  $y = Ae^{\lambda x}$ ,  $y' = A\lambda e^{\lambda x}$

$$(6.3) \Rightarrow 5A\lambda e^{\lambda x} - 3Ae^{\lambda x} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{leaving} \\ \text{"characteristic eqn"} \end{matrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow 5\lambda - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3}{5}$$

so  $y = Ae^{\frac{3x}{5}}$  (general solution)

- 2) For linear homogeneous ODEs, any constant multiple of a solution is also a solution.
- 3) An  $n^{\text{th}}$  order linear ODE has  $n$  independent solutions.  
 For constant coeff. ODEs, this follows from Fundamental Theorem of Calculus applied to characteristic polynomial eqn (order  $n$ ).  
 So  $y = Ae^{3x/5}$  is the general soln. to (6.3).
- 4) An  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE requires  $n$  initial / boundary conditions.



e.g. set  $y = A$  at  
 $x = 0$ , the  
 solution is  
 determined.

"family of solutions"  
 depends on initial  
 conditions.

Inhomogeneous (forced) 1st order ODEs with constant coefficients

1. Constant Forcing

$$\text{e.g. } 5y' - 3y = 10$$

Solution steps

1. Write general solution  $y = y_p + y_c$

$y_p$  = particular integral

$y_c$  = complementary function

2. Find  $y_p$  by setting  $y' = 0$

$$\text{so } -3y_p = 10 \Rightarrow y_p = -\frac{10}{3} \quad \text{as } y' = 0 \Rightarrow y \text{ is constant}$$

and RHS term is constant so in this case  $-\frac{10}{3}$  must be a solution.

3. Insert general soln into DE

$$y' = y_p' + y_c'$$

$$5y_c' - 3y_c = 0 \quad (\text{as } y_p \text{ terms cancel RHS: } 5y_p' - 3y_p = 10).$$

So  $y_c$  is a solution to the corresponding homogeneous eqn.

$$y_c = Ae^{3x/5} \quad (\text{cf last lecture})$$

$$\text{Then general solution is } y = Ae^{3x/5} - \frac{10}{3}.$$


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## Case 2 : Eigenfunction forcing

Example Let  $n$  be the number of nuclei of isotope  $N$ .

$$(n = a, b, c)$$

$$(N = A, B, C)$$

In a sample of rock, isotope  $A$  decays into isotope  $B$  at a rate proportional to  $a$ , and isotope  $B$  decays into isotope  $C$  at a rate proportional to  $b$ .

Find  $b(t)$ .

rate:



$$\frac{da}{dt} = -k_a a \Rightarrow a = a_0 e^{-k_a t}$$

$$\frac{db}{dt} = k_a a - k_b b \Rightarrow \dot{b} + k_b b = k_a a = k_a a_0 e^{-k_a t}$$

~~$\dot{b} + k_b b \rightarrow$~~

$$\text{so } \dot{b} + k_b b = k_a a_0 e^{-k_a t} \quad (7.1)$$

↑  
forcing term is eigenfunction  
of differential operator

Guess particular integral

$$b_p = ce^{-k_a t}$$

$$(7.1) \Rightarrow -k_a c + k_b c = k_a a_0 \quad (\text{canceling } e^{-k_a t} > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{k_a a_0}{k_b - k_a} \quad \text{for } k_b \neq k_a$$

$$\text{General soln: } b = b_p + b_c$$

$$(7.1) \text{ with } b_p: \text{ we get } b_c + k_b b_c = 0 \quad (b_p \text{ cancels RHS})$$

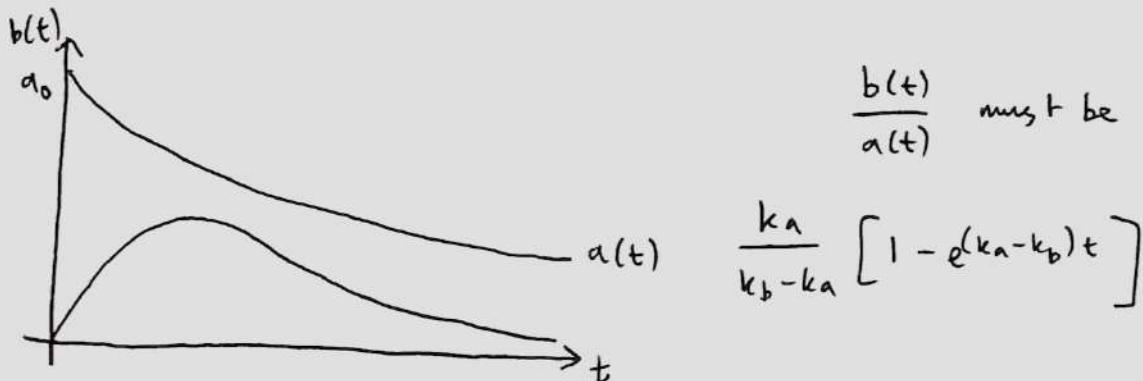
$$b_c = De^{-k_b t}$$

$$\text{so solution is } b(t) = \frac{k_a}{k_b - k_a} a_0 e^{-k_a t} + De^{-k_b t}$$

For initial conditions with  $b = 0$  at  $t = 0$

$$\text{we get } D = -c = -\frac{ka}{k_b - ka} a_0$$

$$\text{so } b(t) = \frac{ka}{k_b - ka} (a_0 e^{-kat} - e^{-k_b t})$$



This result allows rocks / materials to be dated by measuring the ratio of isotopes.

### First order ODEs with non-constant coefficients

General form  $a(x) y' + b(x) y = c(x)$

"standard form"  $y' + p(x) y = f(x)$  (7.2)

Solve using integrating factors (IF)

Multiply 7.2 by  $\mu$  (IF) where we have

$$\underline{\mu y' + (\mu p) y} = \mu f$$

$$\downarrow = (\mu y)' \text{ if } \mu p = \mu' \text{ (by product rule)}$$

$$\text{Hence we want } p = \frac{\mu'}{\mu} \Rightarrow \int p \, dx = \ln \mu$$

$$M = e^{\int p(x) \, dx} \quad (7.3)$$

$$\text{Then } (7.2) \Rightarrow (\mu y)' = f(x)\mu \Rightarrow \underline{\mu y = \int \mu f \, dx}$$

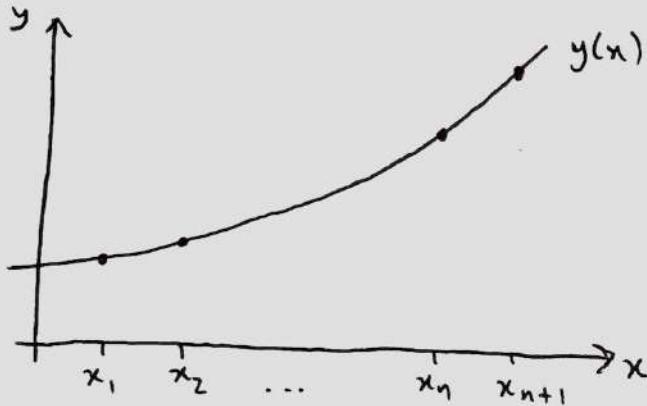
Integrate then solve for  $y(x)$ .

Discrete Equations

An equation involving a function evaluated at a discrete set of points.

I. Numerical Integration

Consider a discrete representation of  $y(x)$



One approximation to  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\text{is } \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x_n} \approx \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h}$$

(uniform spacing:  $h = \frac{x_n - x_1}{n}$ )

(Forward Euler - not the best representation)

Example  $5y' - 3y = 0 \quad (8.1)$

$$\frac{5y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} - 3y_n = 0 \quad (\text{difference equation})$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n+1} = \left(1 + \frac{3h}{5}\right) y_n, \text{ a recurrence relation.}$$

Apply recurrence relation repeatedly

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= \left(1 + \frac{3h}{5}\right) y_{n-1} = \left(1 + \frac{3h}{5}\right)^2 y_{n-2} = \dots \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{3h}{5}\right)^n y_0 = \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{3x_n}{5n}\right)^n y_0}_{\text{Final answer}} \end{aligned}$$

Enter defined the exponential function

$$\exp(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \quad (\text{see sheet 1})$$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \underline{y_0 e^{3x/5}}$  as required.

Note for finite  $n$ ,  $y_n < y(x)$ .

## 2. Series solutions

A powerful way to solve ODEs is to seek solutions in the form of an infinite power series.

$$\text{Try } y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \text{Plug form into DE, find } a_n$$

Example (8-1)  $5y' - 3y = 0$

$$\text{Let } y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

Multiply (8-1) by  $x$ :

$$xy' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n \quad (\text{same powers})$$

$$xy = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{m-1} x^m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } 8.1 \Rightarrow 5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n - 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n (5n a_n - 3 a_{n-1}) &= 0 \quad (8.2) \end{aligned}$$

This must hold for all  $x$ , therefore  $5n a_n - 3 a_{n-1} = 0$

$$\text{or } a_n = \frac{3}{5n} a_{n-1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Iterating: } a_n &= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 \frac{a_{n-2}}{n(n-1)} = \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^3 \frac{a_{n-3}}{n(n-1)(n-2)} \\ &= \dots = \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n \frac{a_0}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y = a_0 \left( 1 + \frac{3}{5}x + \underbrace{\frac{(3x/5)^2}{2!} + \dots}_{\text{power series expansion}} \right)$   
 for  $e^{3x/5}$  (converges  $\forall x$ )

so  $y(x) = a_0 e^{3x/5}$

### Nonlinear 1st order ODEs

General form  $Q(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} + P(x, y) = 0 \quad (8.3)$

#### 1. Separable Equations

(8.3) is separable if it can be written in the form

$$q(y) dy = p(x) dx \quad (8.4)$$

then solve for  $y(x)$  by integrating both sides.

#### 2. Exact Equations

(8.3) is an exact equation iff

$$Q(x, y) dy + P(x, y) dx \quad (8.5)$$

is an exact differential of some function  $f(x, y)$ .

$$\text{i.e. } df = Q dy + P dx$$

If this holds, then  $(8.3) \Rightarrow df = 0$

and  $f(x, y) = \text{constant}$  is the solution.

To check (8.5) and find  $f(x, y)$ , use MV chain rule:

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

$$df = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

Comparing with original (8.3), if (8.5) is an exact differential

then  $\exists f(x, y)$  s.t.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = P(x, y)$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = Q(x, y) \quad (8.6)$

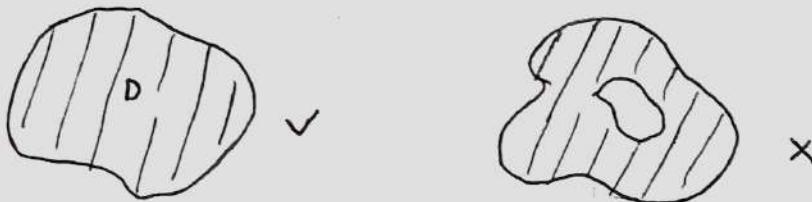
$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}} \quad (8.7)$$

If  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  throughout a simply connected domain  $D$ ,

then  $P dx + Q dy$  is an exact differential of a single valued function  $f(x, y)$  in  $D$ .

In 2D an S.C.D is a domain without "holes":



Use (8.7) to check for exact equations.

If 8.7 holds, find  $f(x, y)$  by integrating (8.6)

Example  $6y(y-x) \frac{dy}{dx} + (2x - 3y^2) = 0$

Here  $P = 2x - 3y^2$ ,  $Q = 6y(y-x)$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -6y \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = -6y \quad \text{so they're the same, so it's exact.}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_y = P = 2x - 3y^2 \Rightarrow f = x^2 - 3xy^2 + h(y)$$

↑  
constant of integration  
(note  $y$  is fixed in  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_y$ )

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_x = -6y + \frac{dh}{dy} = 6y(y-x) \quad \text{so}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dy} = 6y^2 \Rightarrow h = 2y^3 + C$$

So  $f(x, y) = x^2 - 3xy^2 + 2y^3 + C$  so general solution is

$$\underline{x^2 - 3xy^2 + 2y^3 = C}.$$

### Isoclines and solution curves

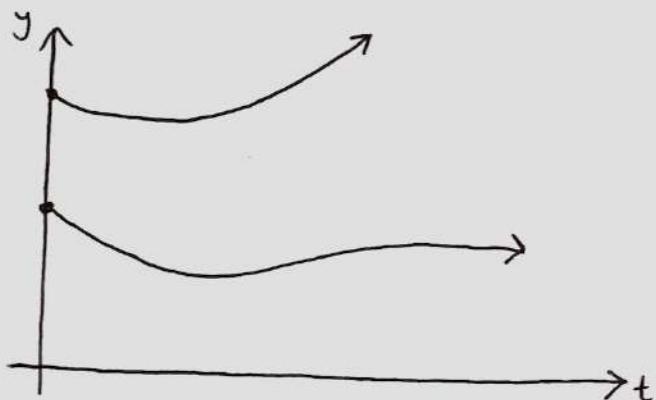
Nonlinear DEs are not guaranteed to have simple closed form solutions.

However we can analyse the behaviour of the system without actually solving the DE.

Consider an ODE of form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t)$$

Each initial condition (e.g.  $y(0) = y_0$ ) gives a different solution curve.



For illustration, consider an equation that we can solve

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{dy}{dt} = t(1-y^2) \quad (9.1) \quad = f(y, t)$$

$$\text{Separable: } \frac{dy}{1-y^2} = t dt$$

$$\text{Integrate: we get } y = \frac{A - e^{-t^2}}{A + e^{-t^2}}$$

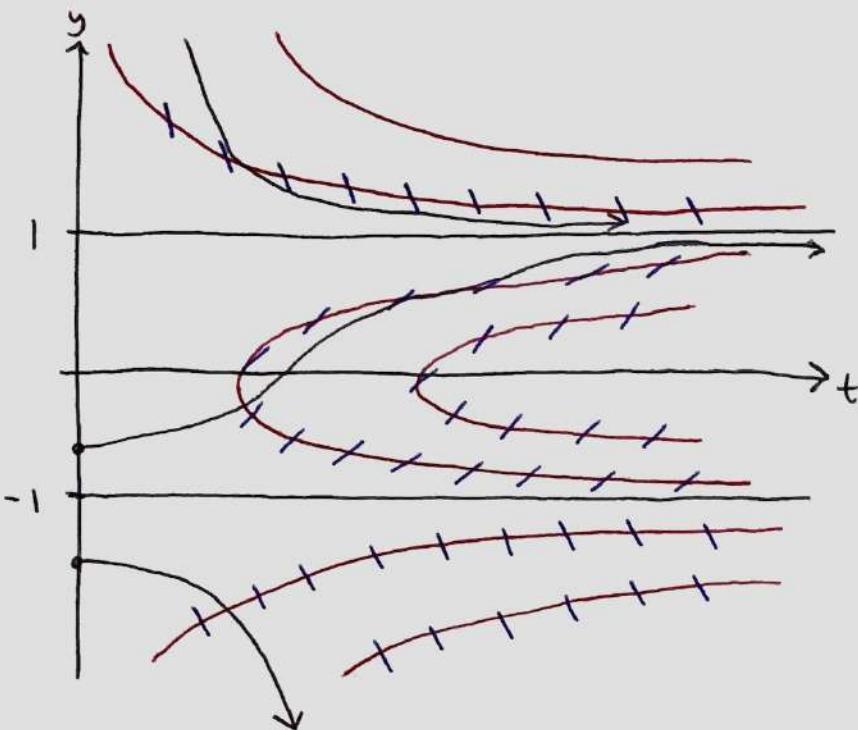
This general solution produces a family of solution curves parameterised by ~~ans~~ A.

Can we sketch and describe the solution without actually solving it?

For (9.1)  $\dot{y} = 0$  for  $y = \pm 1$ ,  $t = 0$

$$f(y, t) = t(1-y^2) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{y} < 0 & \text{ for } |y| > 1 \quad (\text{take time } \geq 0) \\ \dot{y} > 0 & \text{ for } |y| < 1 \end{aligned}$$

An isocline is a curve along which  $f$  is constant. ( $\dot{y}$  is constant)



$$\frac{dy}{dt} = t(1-y^2)$$

$y=1, y=-1$   
work

isoclines

$$t(1-y^2) = c$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = 1 - \frac{c}{t}$$

Given a fixed point

$$(t, y), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = t(1-y^2)$$

takes precisely one value, then the solution curves cannot cross with different slopes

### Fixed (equilibrium) points

These are points where  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t) = 0 \quad \forall t$

Stable (unstable) fixed point is one where solution curves in a small neighbourhood of the fixed point converge (stable) or diverge (unstable) to or away from the fixed point.

Analyse stability by perturbation analysis

Let  $y=a$  be a fixed point (F.P.) of  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t)$  such that  $f(a, t) = 0 \quad \forall t$ . (\*)

Consider a small perturbation from the F.P.

Let  $y = a + \varepsilon(t)$ ,  $\varepsilon$  small

$$\text{so by DE, } \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = f(a+\varepsilon, t)$$

$$= f(a, t) + \varepsilon \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, t) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$\uparrow$  0 by (\*)

MV Taylor series in  $y$   
 $\downarrow$  keep  $t$  fixed as though constant

For sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$   
can ignore  $O(\varepsilon^2)$

Then we get

$$\boxed{\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} \approx \varepsilon \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, t)} \quad (9.2)$$

a linear ODE for  $\varepsilon(t)$ .

If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon = 0$  then it's a stable fixed point

If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon = \pm \infty$  then it's an unstable fixed point

If  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, t) = 0$ , need higher order terms in Taylor series

Example  $f(y, t) = t(1 - y^2)$  (9.1)

Fixed points:  $y = \pm 1$  again

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2ty$$

$y = 1$  (9.1)  $\Rightarrow \dot{\varepsilon} = -2t\varepsilon$  by (9.2)

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 e^{-t^2}$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon = 0$  so it's a stable fixed point.

$y = -1$  (9.1)  $\Rightarrow \dot{\varepsilon} = 2t\varepsilon$

$$\text{so } \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 e^{t^2}$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\varepsilon \rightarrow \pm \infty$  so it's an unstable fixed point.

## Autonomous DEs

Special case where  $\dot{y} = f(y)$

Near a FP where  $y = a$ ,

$$y = a + \varepsilon(t)$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon \frac{df}{dy}(a) \leftarrow \begin{matrix} f(y) \\ \text{not } f(y, t) \end{matrix} = \varepsilon k, \quad k \text{ constant}$$

( $\frac{df}{dy}$  evaluated at  $a$  is  $k$ )

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 e^{kt}$$

Therefore, for autonomous DEs we have that

if  $f'(a) < 0$  then stable FP

if  $f'(a) > 0$  then unstable FP.

### Phase Portraits

Another way to analyse solutions to a DE is using a geometrical representation of the solution called a phase portrait.

#### Example Chemical kinetics



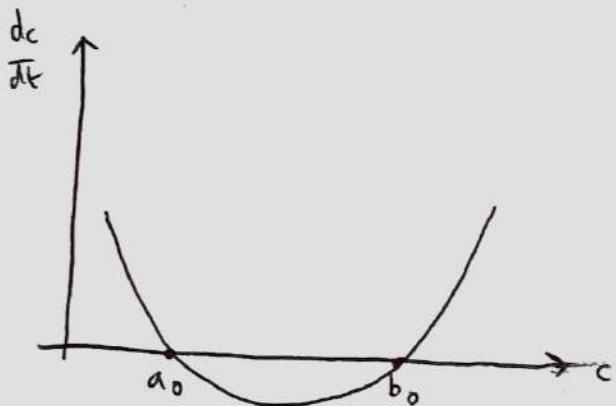
# molecules	$a(t)$	$b(t)$	$c(t)$	$d(t)$
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I. C.	$a_0$	$b_0$	0	0
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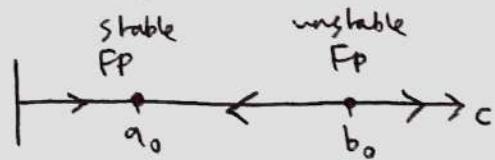
$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \lambda ab \quad \begin{aligned} a &= a_0 - c \\ b &= b_0 - c \end{aligned} \quad ] \text{ atoms conserved}$$

$$\underline{\frac{dc}{dt} = \lambda(a_0 - c)(b_0 - c)} \quad \text{autonomous nonlinear 1st order ODE}$$

2D phase portrait



1D phase portrait



#### Example Population dynamics

Let  $y(t)$  = population,  $\alpha y$  = birth rate

$\beta y$  = death rate

a) Linear model:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \alpha y - \beta y \Rightarrow y = y_0 e^{(\alpha-\beta)t}$

If  $\alpha > \beta$   $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y \rightarrow \infty$  unrealistic

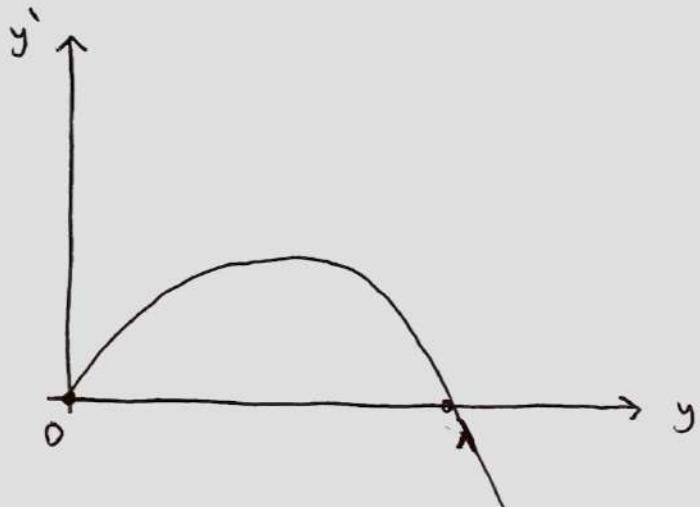
b) Nonlinear model  $\frac{dy}{dt} = (\alpha - \beta)y - \gamma y^2$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (\alpha - \beta) y - \gamma y^2$$

$\gamma y^2$  models increased death rate at high populations  
equivalently

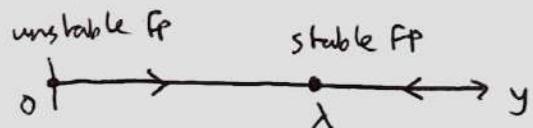
$$\dot{y} = r y \left(1 - \frac{y}{\lambda}\right) \quad r = \alpha - \beta, \quad \lambda = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\gamma} \quad \text{"carrying capacity"}$$

2D phase portrait



(Remember a fixed point  $y$  is where  $\dot{y} = 0 \forall t$ )

1D phase portrait



### Fixed points in discrete equations

Consider a 1st order discrete equation of form

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

Define fixed point as value of  $x_n$  where  $x_{n+1} = x_n$   
 $\Rightarrow f(x_n) = x_n$

Stability of fixed points: perturbation analysis

Let  $x_f$  be a fixed point and perturb by  $\varepsilon$  (small)

Expand  $f(x)$  in Taylor series about  $x_f$

$$f(x_f + \varepsilon) = f(x_f) + \varepsilon \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_f} + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

If we let  $x_n = x_f + \varepsilon$

$$\text{Then } x_{n+1} \approx f(x_f) \quad x_{n+1} \approx x_f + \varepsilon \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_f}$$

$x_f$  is  $\begin{cases} \text{stable if } \left| \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_f} \right| < 1 \\ \text{unstable if } \left| \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_f} \right| > 1 \end{cases}$

## Example Logistic map

Nonlinear discrete population model

$$\frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{\Delta t} = \lambda x_n - \gamma x_n^2 \quad \text{c.f. nonlinear ODE earlier (example 2b)}$$

$$\text{or } x_{n+1} = (\lambda \Delta t + 1)x_n - \gamma \Delta t x_n^2 \quad \text{c.f. compound interest}$$

$$\text{A simpler version: } x_{n+1} = rx_n(1-x_n) = f(x_n)$$

"logistic map"

$$\text{Fixed points: } f(x_n) = x_n$$

$$\text{so } rx_n(1-x_n) = x_n \Rightarrow x_n = 0 \text{ or } x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\text{Stability: } \frac{df}{dx} = r(1-2x) \quad \text{when } f(x) = rx(1-x)$$

$$\underline{x_n = 0:} \quad \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} = r \quad \text{For } 0 < r < 1: \text{ stable}$$

$\underline{\text{For } r > 1: \text{ unstable}}$

$$\underline{x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{r}:} \quad \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x_n} = 2-r$$

For  $0 < r < 1$ : unphysical (note pop. can't go negative)

$1 < r < 3$ : stable       $r > 3$ : unstable

Part IV: Higher order linear ODEs

1. Linear 2nd order ODEs with constant coefficients

$$\text{General form } ay'' + by' + cy = f(x) \quad (11.1)$$

$a, b, c$  constant

Exploit linearity and principle of superposition  
from def. of derivative (1.2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(y_1 + y_2) &= \frac{dy_1}{dx} + \frac{dy_2}{dx} \\ \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(y_1 + y_2) &= \frac{d^2y_1}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2y_2}{dx^2} \end{aligned}$$

For a linear differential operator  $D$  built from a linear combination of derivatives

$$\text{e.g. } D = \left[ a \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + b \frac{d}{dx} + c \right]$$

$$\text{it follows that } D(y_1 + y_2) = D(y_1) + D(y_2)$$

Exploit this by solving 11.1 in 3 steps :

1. Find complementary functions  $y_1, y_2$  satisfying  
 $ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad (11.2)$

2. Find a particular integral  $y_p$  which solves (11.1)

3. If  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are linearly independent, then  
 $y_1 + y_p$  and  $y_2 + y_p$  are linearly independent  
solutions to 11.1.

Follows since  $D(y_1) = 0, D(y_p) = f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow D(y_1 + y_p) = D(y_1) + D(y_p) = f(x)$$

## Linear Independence of Functions

Definition A set of functions are linearly dependent if

$$\sum_{i=1}^N c_i f_i(x) = 0 \quad (11.3)$$

For a set of  $N$  functions,  $c_i$  constant and at least one  $c_i$  is nonzero

Equivalently, if any function can be written as a linear combination of the others:  $f_1 = \alpha_2 f_2 + \alpha_3 f_3 + \dots + \alpha_N f_N$  then are linearly dependent.

## Eigenfunctions for 2nd order ODEs

Recall  $e^{\lambda x}$  is eigenfunction of  $\frac{d}{dx}$ .

$e^{\lambda x}$  is also the eigenfunction of  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n}$

In fact  $e^{\lambda x}$  is eigenfunction of any linear differential operator  $\mathbf{D}$

Therefore solutions to 11.2 take the form  $y_c = Ae^{\lambda x}$   
plugging into 11.2:

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0 \quad (11.3)$$

↑  
characteristic (auxiliary eqn)

From FTA there are 2 (possibly repeated) complex roots to (11.3). Let roots be  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

Case 1  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

$$y_1 = Ae^{\lambda_1 x}, \quad y_2 = Be^{\lambda_2 x}$$

Here  $y_1, y_2$  are linearly independent and complete: form a basis of solution space.

Any other solution to (11.3) is a linear combination of  $y_1, y_2$

General form of  $y_c$  is  $\underline{Ae^{\lambda_1 x} + Be^{\lambda_2 x}}$

Case 2  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  : degenerate

Here  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly dependent and not complete.

Example  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$  (11.4)

$$\text{try } y_c = e^{\lambda x} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)^2 = 0$$

2 roots  $\lambda = 2, 2$  degenerate

Deturning Consider a slightly modified equation

$$y'' - 4y' + (4 - \varepsilon^2)y = 0 \quad \varepsilon \text{ small}$$

$$\text{Try } y_c = e^{\lambda x}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + (4 - \varepsilon^2) = 0 \quad \lambda = 2 \pm \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow y_c = Ae^{(2+\varepsilon)x} + Be^{(2-\varepsilon)x} \\ = e^{2x}(Ae^{\varepsilon x} + Be^{-\varepsilon x})$$

Expand in Taylor series for small  $\varepsilon$

$$(\text{recall } e^{\varepsilon x} = 1 + \varepsilon x + o(\varepsilon^2))$$

$$y_c = e^{2x} \left[ (A+B) + \varepsilon x(A-B) + o(\varepsilon^2) \right]$$

$$\text{Letting } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \text{ we get } e^{2x} \left[ (A+B) + \varepsilon x(A-B) \right]$$

Consider applying ICs to  $y_c$  at  $x=0$

$$y_c|_{x=0} = C, \quad y_c'|_{x=0} = D$$

$$C = A+B \quad D = 2C + \varepsilon(A-B)$$

$$\text{Hence } A+B = o(1), \quad A-B = o\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Let } \beta = \varepsilon(A - B) = o(1)$$

$$\alpha = A + B = o(1)$$

$$\text{hence } \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} y_c = e^{2x} [\alpha + \beta x]$$

General rule

If  $y_1(x)$  is a degenerate complementary function for linear ODE with constant coefficients

then  $y_2 = xy_1$  is a linearly independent complementary function.

Homogeneous 2nd order linear ODEs with non-constant coefficients

General form:

$$\underline{y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0} \quad (12.1)$$

Reduction of order: objective is given one solution to 12.1

$y_1(x)$ , find 2nd solution  $y_2(x)$  linearly independent of  $y_1(x)$

Idea: look for a solution of the form  $\underline{y_2(x) = v(x)y_1(x)}$  and find  $v(x)$ . (12.2)

First note  $y_2' = v'y_1 + vy_1'$

$$y_2'' = v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + vy_1''$$

If  $y_2$  satisfies (12.1)

$$y_2'' + p(x)y_2' + q(x)y_2 = 0$$

Use (12.2) and collect terms:

$$v(y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1) + v'(2y_1' + py_1) + v''y_1 = 0$$

$\nearrow$   
 $y_1$  solves (12.1) so this is 0

so  $\underline{v'(2y_1' + py_1) + v''y_1 = 0}$ , a 1st order equation for  $v'$ .

Let  $u = v'$ :  $\underline{u'y_1 + u(2y_1' + py_1) = 0}$

Separable 1st order ODE for  $u(x) = v'(x)$

Solve for  $u(x)$  then integrate for  $v(x)$ .

Then  $\underline{y_2(x) = v(x)y_1(x)}$ .

## Solution space

$n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE (linear)

$$P(x) y^{(n)} + q(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + r(x) y = f(x)$$

This can be used to write  $y^{(n)}$  in terms of  $y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)}$ .

Example: damped oscillator  $my'' = -ky - Ly'$

The state of the system can be described by an  $n$ -dimensional solution vector.

$$\underline{Y}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} y(x) \\ y'(x) \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

Example  $y'' + 4y = 0$  (undamped oscillator)

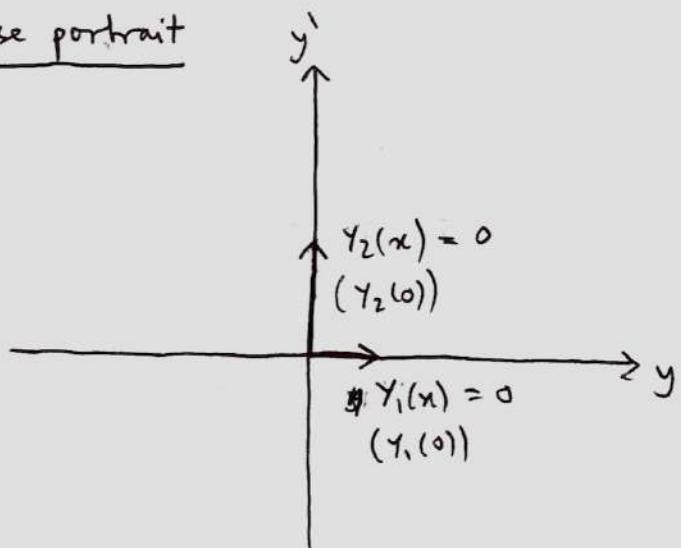
$$y_1 = \cos 2x \quad y_2 = \sin 2x$$

$$y_1' = -2\sin 2x \quad y_2' = 2\cos 2x$$

$$\underline{Y}_1(x) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_1' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2x \\ -2\sin 2x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{Y}_2(x) = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ y_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2x \\ 2\cos 2x \end{pmatrix}$$

## 2D phase portrait



Since  $\underline{Y}_1$  and  $\underline{Y}_2$  are linearly independent for all  $x$ , any point in solution space  $(y, y')$  can be reached by a linear combination of  $\underline{Y}_1$  and  $\underline{Y}_2$ .

$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are linearly independent if their solution vectors  $\underline{Y}_1, \underline{Y}_2, \dots, \underline{Y}_n$  are linearly independent.

$n$  linearly independent solution vectors form a basis for solution space of an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE.

### Initial Conditions

Consider ICs for a 2nd order homogeneous ODE:

$$y(0) = a, \quad y'(0) = b$$

If general solution is  $y(x) = A\underline{y}_1(x) + B\underline{y}_2(x)$

then we have the following system

$$\begin{aligned} A\underline{y}_1(0) + B\underline{y}_2(0) &= a \\ A\underline{y}_1'(0) + B\underline{y}_2'(0) &= b \end{aligned} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \underline{y}_1(0) & \underline{y}_2(0) \\ \underline{y}_1'(0) & \underline{y}_2'(0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
call this matrix M

Unique solutions for  $A, B$  exist if

$$\det M \neq 0.$$

### Wronskian W(x)

Definition  $W(x)$  is the determinant of the fundamental matrix formed by placing solution vector  $\underline{Y}_i$  in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column.

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \underline{y}_1 & \underline{y}_2 & \dots & \underline{y}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & & & \dots \end{vmatrix}$$

For a second order ODE

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' \quad (12.4)$$

Solution vectors are linearly independent if  $W(x) \neq 0$ .

e.g.  $y'' + 4y = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} W(x) &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \end{vmatrix} = 2\cos^2 2x + 2\sin^2 2x \\ &= 2(\cos^2 2x + \sin^2 2x) \\ &= 2 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

so  $y_1, y_2$  are lin. indep.  $\forall x$ .

Reverse implication:  $y_1, y_2$  lin. dep  $\Rightarrow W(x) = 0$

Suppose (contrapositive actually)

$y(x)$  is a linear combination of  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$

Then  $y(x), y_1(x), y_2(x)$  are a linearly dependent set

Hence  $\begin{vmatrix} y & y_1 & y_2 \\ y' & y_1' & y_2' \\ y'' & y_1'' & y_2'' \end{vmatrix} = 0$  for  $y_1 = \cos 2x, y_2 = \sin 2x$

$$\begin{vmatrix} y & \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ y' & -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \\ y'' & -4\cos 2x & -4\sin 2x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y(8\sin^2 2x + 8\cos^2 2x) - y'(-4\cos 2x \sin 2x) + y''(2\cos^2 2x + 2\sin^2 2x) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 8y + 2y'' &= 0 \Rightarrow \underline{y'' + 4y = 0} \end{aligned}$$

so we can actually reconstruct the original ODE this way.

Caveat:  $W(x) = 0 \not\Rightarrow$  linear dependence

We only have  $W(x) \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  linear independence

Abel's Theorem

Consider a 2nd order ODE (homogeneous):

$$y'' + p(x) y' + q(x) y = 0 \quad (13.1)$$

If  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are continuous on an interval  $I$ , Then the Wronskian  $W(x)$  is either  $W(x) = 0$ , or  $W(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in I$ .

Sketch proof Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be solutions to 13.1.

$$y_2 (y_1'' + p(x) y_1' + q(x) y_1) = 0 \quad (13.2)$$

$$y_1 (y_2'' + p(x) y_2' + q(x) y_2) = 0 \quad (13.3)$$

(13.2) - (13.3) gives

$$(y_2 y_1'' - y_1 y_2'') + p(x)(y_2 y_1' - y_1 y_2') = 0 \quad (13.4)$$

$$\text{Here } W(x) = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$$

$$\frac{dW}{dx} = y_1 y_2'' + y_1' y_2' - y_2' y_1' - y_2 y_1''$$

$$\text{Hence } (13.4) \Rightarrow w' + pw = 0 \quad (13.5)$$

$$\frac{dw}{w} = -p(x) dx \quad (13.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow w(x) = w(x_0) e^{-\int_{x_0}^x p(u) du} \quad (13.7)$$

Abel's identity

Since  $p(x)$  is continuous on  $I$  with  $x \in I$ , it is bounded and integrable.

$$\text{Therefore } e^{-\int_{x_0}^x p(u) du} \neq 0.$$

It follows that:

If  $w(x_0) = 0$  then  $w(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in I$

$w(x_0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow w(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in I$ .

□

Corollary If  $p(x) = 0$  then  $w = w_0$  (constant).

Note that we can find  $w(x)$  without solving the DE

Example Bessel's Equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2) y = 0$$

has no closed form solutions.

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x} y' + \frac{x^2 - n^2}{x^2} y = 0$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad w(x) = w_0 e^{-\int p du}$$

$$= w_0 e^{-\int \frac{du}{u}} = w_0 e^{-\ln x}$$

Application of Abel's identity:

Find 2nd solution given first solution  $y_1$ ,  
 $y_2$

(13.7) For 2nd order ODE:

$$y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = w_0 e^{-\int_{x_0}^x p(u) du} \text{ gives } n$$

1st order ODE for  $y_2$  that we can solve.

Abel's Theorem / Identity generalise to higher order ODEs.

Any linear  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE can be written

$$\underline{Y}' + \underline{A}(x) \underline{Y} = \underline{0}$$

It can be shown that  $w' + \text{Tr}(\underline{A}) w = 0$

$$\Rightarrow w' = w_0 e^{-\int \text{Tr}(\underline{A}) du}$$

and Abel's theorem holds. (See ES3, Q7)

## Equidimensional equations

An ODE is equidimensional if the differential operator is unaffected by a multiplicative scaling.

e.g. rescale from  $x$  to  $X$  with  $X = \alpha x$ ,  $\alpha$  constant

General form (2nd order equidimensional)

$$\boxed{ax^2 y'' + bxy' + cy = f(x)} \quad (13.8)$$

$a, b, c$  constant

Note  $\frac{d}{dX} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $\frac{d^2}{dX^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$

$$\therefore (13.8) \Rightarrow \alpha X^2 \frac{d^2y}{dX^2} + bX \frac{dy}{dX} + cy = f\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)$$

LHS unchanged ← required condition.

## Solving

1. Note  $y = x^k$  is an eigenfunction of the operator  $x \frac{d}{dx}$   
since  $x \frac{d}{dx} x^k = kx^{k-1} x = \underline{kx^k}$ .

To solve 13.8, try  $y = x^k$ :

$$(13.8) \Rightarrow \underline{ak(k-1) + bk + c = 0} \quad (\text{canceling})$$

Then solve quadratic for  $k_1, k_2$

$$\text{If } k_1 \neq k_2, \quad y_c = Ax^{k_1} + Bx^{k_2} \quad (13.9)$$

2. Note  $z = \ln x$  turns 13.8 into an equation with constant coefficients (exercise: double check)

$$a \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + (b-a) \frac{dy}{dz} + cy = f(e^z)$$

Complementary function:  $y = e^{\lambda z}$

$$\Rightarrow a\lambda^2 + (b-a)\lambda + c = 0$$

solve for  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

then  $y_c = Ae^{\lambda_1 z} + Be^{\lambda_2 z}$  if  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

and note  $z = \ln x \Rightarrow x = e^z$ :

$$y_c = \underline{Ax^{\lambda_1} + Bx^{\lambda_2}} \quad (\text{same form as 13. q})$$

If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  then  $y_c = Ae^{\lambda_1 z} + Bze^{\lambda_1 z}$

$$(k_1 = k_2) \Rightarrow \underline{y_c = Ax^{\lambda_1} + Bx^{\lambda_1} \ln x}$$

Forced (inhomogeneous) 2nd order ODEs

Finding particular integrals  $y_p(x)$

Method 1: Guesswork

Form of  $f(x)$

$$e^{mx}$$

$\sin kx, \cos kx$

$$x^n, P_n(x)$$

Form of  $y_p(x)$

$$Ae^{mx}$$

$$A \sin kx + B \cos kx$$

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$$

Steps      1. Insert guess into ODE

2. Equate coefficients of functions

3. Solve for coefficients

Method 2: Variation of Parameters

Finding  $y_p$  given  $y_c$ .

Given  $y_1, y_2$  complementary functions (lin. dep., sol<sup>n</sup> vectors  $\perp$ )

$$\underline{Y}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_1' \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{Y}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ y_2' \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose the sol<sup>n</sup> vector for  $y_p$  satisfies

$$\underline{Y}_p = \begin{pmatrix} y_p \\ y_p' \end{pmatrix} = u(x) \underline{Y}_1 + v(x) \underline{Y}_2 \quad (14.1)$$

Try finding 2 eqns for  $u(x), v(x)$

$$(14.1) \Rightarrow y_p = u y_1 + v y_2 \quad (a)$$

$$y_p' = u y_1' + v y_2' \quad (b)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a) \Rightarrow u'y_1 + uy_1' + v'y_2 + vy_2' \quad (c)$$

$$(c) - (b) : \boxed{u'y_1 + v'y_2 = 0} \quad (d)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(b) \Rightarrow y_p'' = uy_1'' + u'y_1' + v'y_2' + vy_2'' \quad (e)$$

If  $y_p(x)$  satisfies  $y_p'' + p(x)y_p' + q(x)y_p = f(x)$

$$\text{then } (e) + p(x)(b) + q(x)(a) = f(x)$$

$$\text{We also know } y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1 = 0$$

$$y_2'' + py_2' + qy_2 = 0$$

Substitute in and simplify: (check this works)

$$\text{gives } \boxed{u'y_1' + v'y_2' = f(x)} \quad (f)$$

$$(d), (f) \Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{fundamental matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice: This is the fundamental matrix ( $w(x) = \det$ )

$$\text{so } \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{w(x)} \begin{pmatrix} y_2' & -y_2 \\ -y_1' & y_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u' = -\frac{y_2 f}{w}, \quad v' = \frac{y_1 f}{w}$$

$$\text{and } \boxed{y_p = y_2 \int^x \frac{y_1(t) f(t)}{w(t)} dt - y_1 \int^x \frac{y_2(t) f(t)}{w(t)} dt}$$

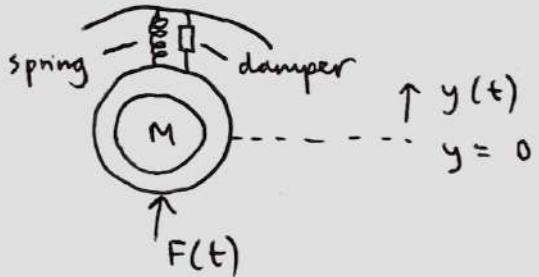
using step (14.1).

## Forced oscillating system

### Transients and damping

Many physical systems have a restoring force and damping (e.g. friction)

Example: car suspension



Newton's 2nd Law

$$ma = \sum \text{forces}$$

$$My'' = F(t) - ky - Ly \quad (14.2)$$

↑  
spring      ↑  
damper

$$\text{so } y'' + \frac{L}{m}y' + \frac{k}{m}y = \frac{F(t)}{M}$$

$$\text{Change vars: } \tau = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t$$

$$\text{so } y'' + 2Ky' + y = f(\tau)$$

$$\text{with } y' = \frac{dy}{d\tau}, \quad K = \frac{L}{2\sqrt{km}}, \quad f = \frac{F}{k}$$

so only one parameter now,  $K$ . (Unforced system)

### Unforced response (free/natural response)

$$f = 0: \quad y'' + 2Ky' + y = 0$$

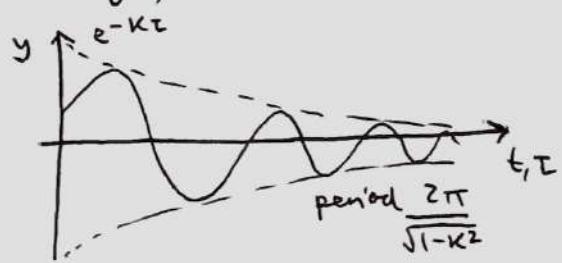
$$\lambda^2 + 2K\lambda + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{char. eqn})$$

$$\lambda = -K \pm \sqrt{K^2 - 1}$$

Case 1  $K < 1$  (underdamped)

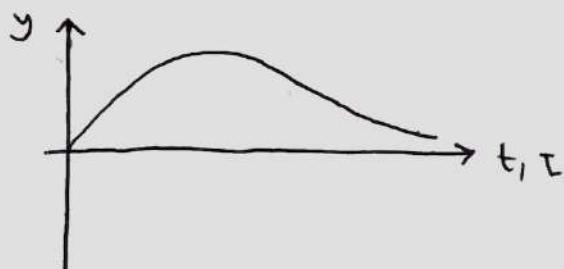
$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-K\tau} [A \sin(\sqrt{1-K^2}\tau) + B \cos(\sqrt{1-K^2}\tau)]$$

Note period  $\rightarrow \infty$  as  $K \rightarrow 1$ .



Case 2  $K = 1$  Critical damping :  $\lambda = -K$  (degenerate)

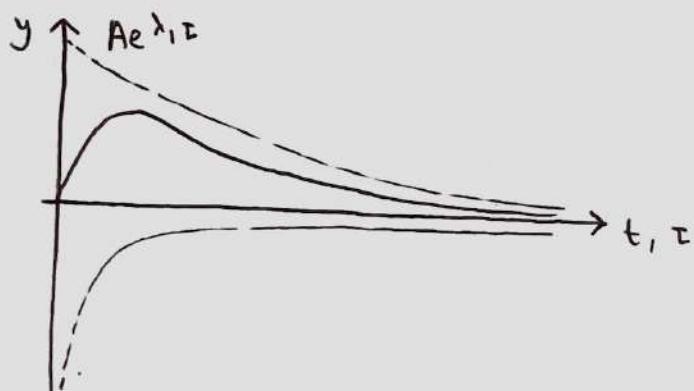
Use dehning :  $y = (A + B\tau) e^{-K\tau}$  ( $K = 1$ )



Case 3  $K > 1$  Overdamped (prevents oscillations)

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  real,  $< 0$

$$y = Ae^{\lambda_1\tau} + Be^{\lambda_2\tau} \quad (|\lambda_1| < |\lambda_2| \text{ wlog})$$



Note unforced response decays in all cases ( $t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow y \rightarrow 0$ ).

Damped oscillating systems: forced response

$$\text{e.g. } \ddot{y} + \mu \dot{y} + \omega_0^2 y = \sin \omega t \quad (15.1)$$

Guess  $y_p = A \sin \omega t + B \cos \omega t$

$$\sin \omega t : -A\omega^2 - B\mu \omega + \omega_0^2 A = 1 \quad (\text{a})$$

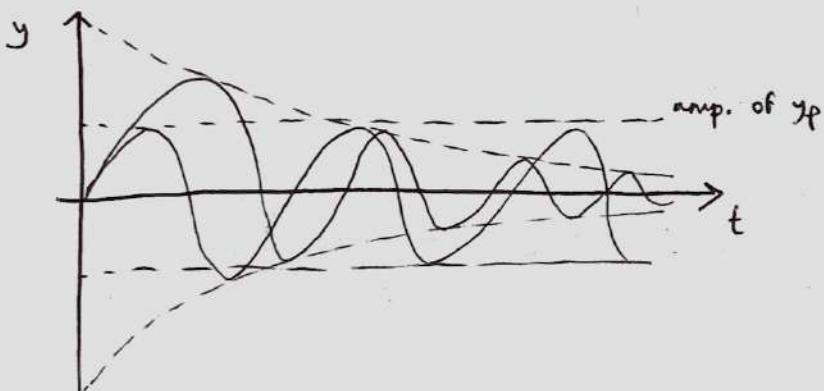
$$\cos \omega t : -B\omega^2 + A\mu \omega + \omega_0^2 B = 0 \quad (\text{b})$$

Solve simultaneously: gives  $A = \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \mu^2 \omega^2}$

$$\text{and } B = \frac{-\mu \omega}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \mu^2 \omega^2},$$

$$\text{so } y_p = \frac{1}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \mu^2 \omega^2} \left[ (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) \sin \omega t - \mu \omega \cos \omega t \right]$$

$$y = y_c + y_p \quad (\text{underdamped})$$



### Comments (for damped systems)

Complementary functions give transient response to ICS

Particular integrals give long time response to forcing  
(system "forgets" about ICS) as CF decays

Q: What if  $\omega = \omega_0$ ?

$$\text{If } \mu \neq 0 \text{ (damped)} \quad \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \omega_0} y_p = \frac{-\cos \omega_0 t}{\mu \omega_0} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{finite} \\ \text{amplitude} \\ \text{oscillation} \end{matrix}$$

Note amp. increases when  $\mu = 0$ .

## Resonance in undamped systems

e.g.  $\ddot{y} + \omega_0^2 y = \sin \omega_0 t$  (5.2)

Use detuning: consider instead

$$\ddot{y} + \omega_0^2 y = \sin \omega t \quad (15.3) \quad \omega \neq \omega_0$$

Guess  $y_p = c \sin \omega t$  (no  $\cos \omega t$ : no  $\dot{y}$  term)

$$\Rightarrow c = (-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2) = 1$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \sin \omega t$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \sin \omega t + A \sin \omega_0 t \quad \text{as (15.2) linear so}$$

$y = y_p + A y_c$  also solves  
TDE

$$\text{Pick } A = -\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = \frac{\sin \omega t - \sin \omega_0 t}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

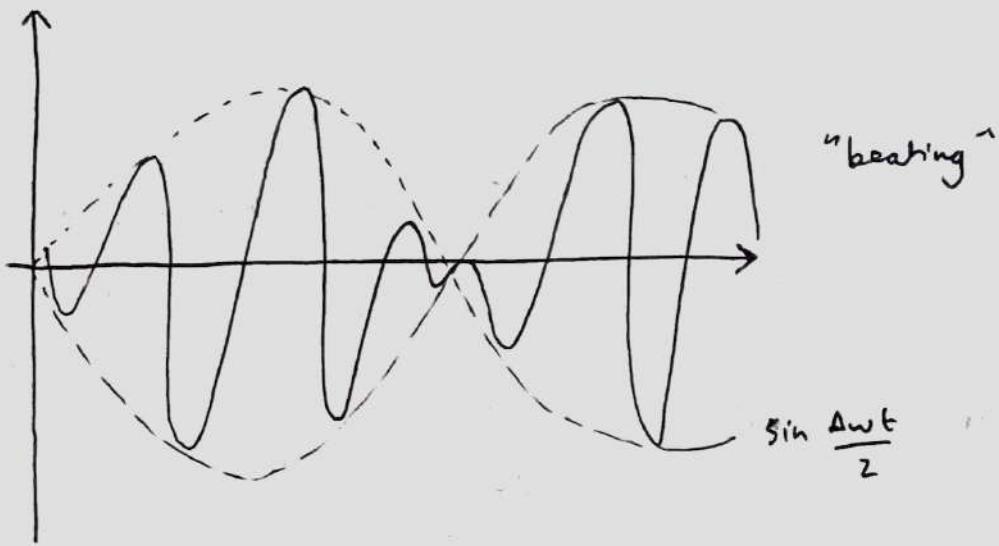
$$\Rightarrow y_p = \frac{2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\omega + \omega_0}{2}t\right) \sin\left(\frac{\omega - \omega_0}{2}t\right) \right] \quad (\text{double angle})$$

$$\text{Let } \Delta\omega = \omega_0 - \omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega + \omega_0}{2} = \omega_0 - \frac{\omega_0 - \omega}{2} = \omega_0 - \frac{\Delta\omega}{2}$$

$$y_p = \frac{-2}{\Delta\omega(\omega_0 + \omega)} \left[ \cos\left(\left(\omega_0 - \frac{\Delta\omega}{2}\right)t\right) \sin \frac{\Delta\omega t}{2} \right]$$

small frequency  
as  $\Delta\omega$  small



For  $\lim_{\Delta\omega \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{\Delta\omega t}{2}\right) \approx \frac{\Delta\omega t}{2}$

so  $\lim_{\Delta\omega \rightarrow 0} \approx -\frac{2}{\omega_0 + \omega_1} \cos(\omega_0 t) \cdot \frac{t}{2}$

$$\approx -\frac{t}{2\omega_0} \cos(\omega_0 t)$$

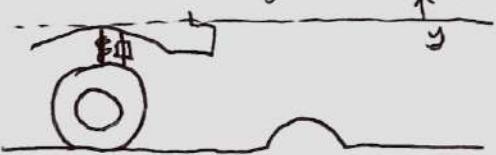
linear growth  
in amplitude over  
time: unbounded

Note  $y_p$  takes form of (indep. var)  $\times$  (CF)

(Compare with degenerate case)

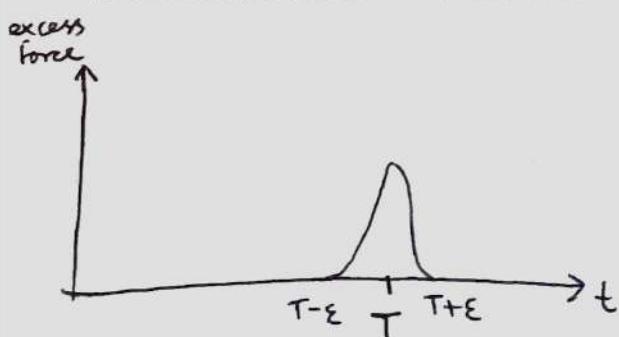
### Impulses and point forces

Consider a system experiencing a sudden force e.g. car driving over bump



Forced, damped oscillator:

$$M\ddot{y} = F(t) - ky - Ly \quad (16.1)$$



Consider  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}$ : force becomes sudden impulse



Integrate (16.1) in time from  $T-\varepsilon$  to  $T+\varepsilon$ : take  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0}$

$$\text{P}_{(16.2)} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ M[\dot{y}]_{T-\varepsilon}^{T+\varepsilon} \right] = \int_{T-\varepsilon}^{T+\varepsilon} f(t) dt - \underbrace{k \int_{T-\varepsilon}^{T+\varepsilon} y dt}_{\begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } y \text{ finite} \\ 0 \text{ if } y \text{ continuous} \end{cases}} - L[y]_{T-\varepsilon}^{T+\varepsilon}$$

Define Impulse I as  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{T-\varepsilon}^{T+\varepsilon} F(t) dt$

$$16.2 \text{ becomes } I = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} M[\dot{y}]_{T-\varepsilon}^{T+\varepsilon}$$

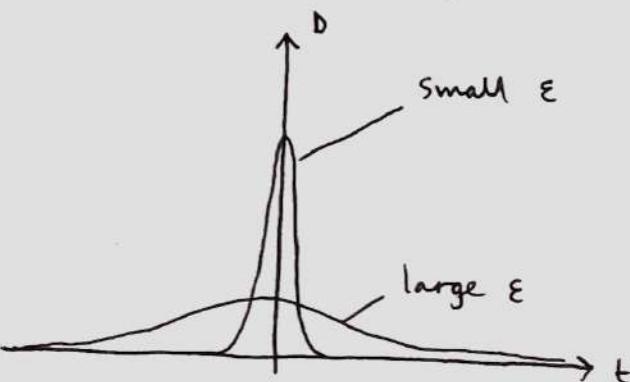
Velocity  $\dot{y}$  experiences a sudden change (discontinuous)  
which depends on integral of force.

Dirac delta function

Consider family of functions  $D(t; \varepsilon)$  with

1.  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} D(t; \varepsilon) = 0 \quad \forall t \neq 0$

2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(t; \varepsilon) dt = 1$



Example

$$D(t; \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon \sqrt{\pi}} e^{-t^2/\varepsilon^2}$$

Dirac delta function

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} D(t; \varepsilon)$$

Properties of  $\delta(t)$

1.  $\delta(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \neq 0$

2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$

3. Sampling property: For continuous function  $g(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \delta(x) dx &= g(0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx \quad (\text{as integrand} = 0 \\ &\quad \forall x \neq 0) \\ &= g(0) \times 1 = \underline{g(0)}. \end{aligned}$$

More generally

$$\int_a^b g(x) \delta(x - x_0) dx = \begin{cases} g(x_0) & \text{if } a \leq x_0 \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (16.3)$$

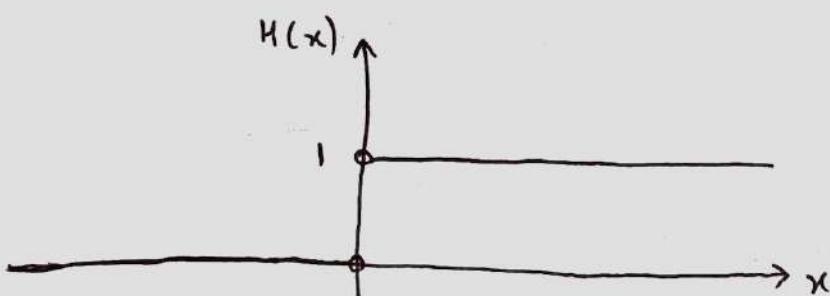
## Heaviside step function

$$H(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \delta(t) dt$$

(note: by FTC have  $\frac{dH}{dx} = \delta(x)$ )

### Properties

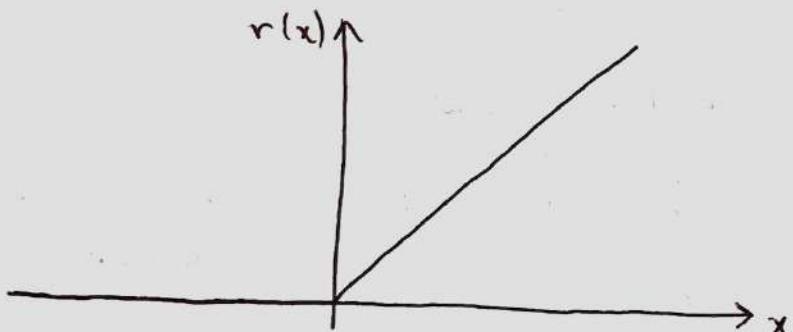
1.  $H(x) = 0$  for  $x < 0$
2.  $H(x) = 1$  for  $x > 0$
3.  $H(x=0)$  is undefined



### Ramp function

$$r(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x H(t) dt$$

Note that functions get "smoother" as we integrate.



### Delta Function Forcing

Consider

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = \delta(x) \quad (16.5)$$

Note: highest order derivative "inherits discontinuity" from forcing

Since  $\delta(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$ :

$$y'' + py' + qy = 0 \quad \forall \underline{x < 0} \text{ and } \underline{x > 0}$$

$y(x)$  satisfies "jump conditions"

1.  $y(x)$  is continuous at  $x=0$ :

$$\boxed{\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ y \right]_{x=-\varepsilon}^{x=\varepsilon} = 0}$$

2.  $y'(x)$  has a jump of 1 at  $x=0$

Integrate (16.5) in a small window around  $x=0$ :

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} (16.5) \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} [y']_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} = 1}$$

### Method for solution

- Solve (16.5) for  $x < 0$  and  $x > 0$ , giving 4 unknown constants
- Use 2 jump conditions and 2 initial conditions to find constants.

Example  $y'' - y = 3\delta(x - \frac{\pi}{2}) \quad (16.6)$

with  $y=0$  at  $x=0, x=\pi$ .

First solve for  $0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ :  $y'' - y = 0 \Rightarrow y = Ae^x + Be^{-x}$

or write as  $y = A \sinh x + B \cosh x$ ,  
changing constants

$$y=0 \text{ at } x=0 \Rightarrow y = A \sinh x \text{ for } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Equation is invariant under  $x \rightarrow \pi - \tilde{x}$

so by symmetry for  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi$ , have  $y = C \sinh(\pi - x)$   
(Exercise: check by solving DE again)

## Jump conditions

Integrate (16.6)

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}-\varepsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}+\varepsilon} (16.6) dx : y \text{ term} \rightarrow 0 \text{ (continuous)}$$

$y'' \text{ integrates to } y = \underbrace{\int 3s(x-\frac{\pi}{2}) dx}_{3x1 = 3}$

so get  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} [y] \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}-\varepsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}+\varepsilon} = 3.$

$y'$

For  $y = A \sinh x$ ,  $y' = A \cosh x$  ( $0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ )

and  $y'$  at  $\frac{\pi}{2}-\varepsilon$  is  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} A \cosh \left( \frac{\pi}{2}-\varepsilon \right) = A \cosh \frac{\pi}{2}$

and for  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi$  we use  $y = C \sinh(\pi-x)$  as

$\frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi$  is the interval for  $\frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon$ :

$$y' = -C \cosh(\pi-x) \text{ so } y'|_{\frac{\pi}{2}+\varepsilon} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} -C \cosh \left( \pi - \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon \right) \right) \\ = -C \cosh \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} [y'] \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}-\varepsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}+\varepsilon} = -A \cosh \frac{\pi}{2} - C \cosh \frac{\pi}{2} = 3.$$

~~So  $A \sinh$~~

2<sup>nd</sup> jump condition

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} [y] \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}-\varepsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}+\varepsilon} = 0$$

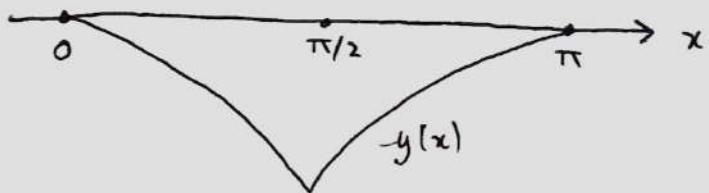
$$\text{so } A \sinh \frac{\pi}{2} = C \sinh \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow A = C$$

$$\text{and } A = C = \frac{-3}{2 \cosh \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\text{so } y = \begin{cases} -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh \frac{\pi}{2}} & \text{for } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\sinh(\pi-x)}{\cosh \frac{\pi}{2}} & \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

## Sketch solution

(Note derivative is discontinuous at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ )



## Heaviside step function forcing

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = H(x - x_0) \quad (16.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) \text{ satisfies } & y'' + py' + qy = 0 \quad \text{for } x < x_0 \\ & y'' + py' + qy = 1 \quad \text{for } x > x_0 \end{aligned} \quad (16.8)$$

## Jump conditions

Evaluate (16.7) on either side of  $x_0$

$$\left( [y'']_{x_0^-}^{x_0^+} \right) \rightarrow \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} [y'']_{x_0-\varepsilon}^{x_0+\varepsilon} + p(x_0)[y']_{x_0^-}^{x_0^+} + q(x_0)[y]_{x_0^-}^{x_0^+} = 1$$

↑ shorthand for  This is our eqn

If  $y'' \sim H(x)$  then  $y' \sim r(x)$ ,  $y'' \sim \int r(x) dx$  so

$y'$  and  $y$  are both continuous. This gives 2 jump conditions

$$[y']_{x_0^-}^{x_0^+} = 0, \quad [y]_{x_0^-}^{x_0^+} = 0.$$

Use ICs and jump conditions to find constants in solution to (16.8).

Higher order discrete / difference equations

$m^{\text{th}}$  order linear eqns w/ constant coefficients

$$a_m y_{n+m} + a_{m-1} y_{n+m-1} + \dots + a_1 y_{n+1} + a_0 y_n = f_n$$

~~Same~~ Same principles as ODEs

(17.1)

### Eigenfunction

Difference operator  $D[y_n] = y_{n+1}$  has eigenfunction

$$\underline{y_n = k^n} \quad \text{since } D[k^n] = k^{n+1} = k(k^n) = k y_n$$

Linearity (17.1) is linear in  $y$ , hence

$$y_n = \underbrace{y_n^{(c)}}_{\substack{\text{CF:} \\ \text{sol}^n \text{ to (17.1)} \\ \text{with } f_n = 0}} + \underbrace{y_n^{(p)}}_{\substack{\text{particular integral}}} \quad \text{particular integral}$$

Example  $a_2 y_{n+2} + a_1 y_{n+1} + a_0 y_n = f_n$

$f_n = 0$  (homogeneous) :

$$a_2 y_{n+2} + a_1 y_{n+1} + a_0 y_n = 0$$

$$\text{try } \underline{y_n = k^n}$$

$$a_2 k^2 + a_1 k + a_0 = 0$$

$$\text{solve for } k_1, k_2 = k$$

$$y_n^{(c)} = \begin{cases} A + k_1^n + B k_2^n & \text{if } k_1 \neq k_2 \\ A k^n + B n k^n & \text{if } k_1 = k_2 = k \end{cases}$$

### particular integral

$$\underline{f_n}$$

$$k^n$$

$$k_1^n, k_2^n$$

$$n^p$$

$$\underline{y_n^{(p)}}$$

$$A k^n \quad \text{for } k \neq k_1, k_2$$

$$A n k_1^n + B n k_2^n$$

$$A n^p + B n^{p-1} + \dots + C n + D$$

## Fibonacci Sequence

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + y_{n-2}, \quad y_0 = y_1 = 1$$

$$\underline{y_{n+2} - y_{n-1} - y_n = 0} \quad \text{in standard form}$$

$$\text{Try } y_n = k^n : \quad k^2 - k - 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad k = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = \phi \approx 1.618\dots \quad (\text{golden ratio})$$

$$k_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = -\frac{1}{\phi}$$

$$y_n = A k_1^n + B k_2^n . \quad \text{Find } A, B \text{ with ICS:}$$

$$n=0 : y_0 = 1 = A + B \quad n=1 : y_1 = 1 \Rightarrow y_1 = 1 = A k_1 + B k_2$$

$$\text{so } A = \frac{k_1}{\sqrt{5}}, \quad B = -\frac{k_2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$y_n = \frac{k_1^{n+1} - k_2^{n+1}}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{gives a general term in the Fibonacci sequence.}$$

$$y_n = \frac{\phi^{n+1} - \left(-\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\text{Also } \lim_{\cancel{n \rightarrow \infty}} \frac{y_{n+1}}{y_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi^{n+2} - \left(-\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^{n+2}}{\phi^{n+1} - \left(-\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^{n+1}} = \phi.$$

## Series solutions for higher order ODEs

Method of Frobenius: series solutions applied to linear, homogeneous 2nd order ODEs

$$p(x) y'' + q(x) y' + r(x) y = 0 \quad (17.2)$$

Seek power series expansion about  $x = x_0$ ,

first classify  $x = x_0$ .

Ordinary point:  $x = x_0$  is an ordinary point if Taylor series of  $\frac{q}{p}$  and  $\frac{r}{p}$  converge in some region around  $x_0$ :

i.e.  $\frac{q}{p}, \frac{r}{p}$  are analytic.

Otherwise,  $x = x_0$  is a singular point. 2 types:

If  $x = x_0$  is singular but (17.2) can be written

$$\underline{p}(x)(x-x_0)^2 y'' + Q(x)(x-x_0)y' + R(x)y = 0$$

and  $\frac{Q}{P}$  and  $\frac{R}{P}$  are analytic, then  $x = x_0$  is a regular

singular point.

Otherwise,  $x = x_0$  is an irregular singular point.

$$\text{Note } \frac{Q}{P} = (x-x_0) \frac{q}{p}, \quad \frac{R}{P} = (x-x_0)^2 \frac{r}{p}$$

Examples (classifying points)

1.  $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$

$$\frac{q}{p} = -\frac{2x}{1-x^2}, \quad x = \pm 1 \text{ singular points}$$

$$\frac{Q}{P} = (x-1) \frac{q}{p} = \frac{-2x(x-1)}{(1-x)(1+x)} = \frac{2x}{1+x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{Q}{P} = 1 \quad (\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{R}{P} = 0) \quad \text{regular singular point at } x = \pm 1$$

$$2) \quad y'' \sin x + y' \cos x + 2y = 0$$

$$\frac{q}{p} = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}, \quad \frac{\Gamma}{p} = \frac{2}{\sin x}$$

$x = n\pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$  : regular singular points

$$3) \quad ((+5x) y'' - 2xy') + 2y = 0$$

$$\frac{q}{p} = \frac{-2x}{1+5x} \quad x=0 \text{ is an irregular singular point}$$

(note: 2nd derivative is undefined)

Method of Frobenius

Fuchs's Theorem

1. If  $x_0$  is an ordinary point, then there are 2 linearly independent solutions of the form

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n \quad \text{convergent in some region around } x_0.$$

2. If  $x_0$  is a regular singular point, then there is at least one solution of form

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^{n+\sigma}$$

where  $\sigma$  is real and  $a_0 \neq 0$ .

Case 1  $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0 \quad (18.1)$

Find series solutions about  $x = 0$

$x = 0$ : ordinary point.

Try  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$x^2 \cdot (18.1): (1-x^2)x^2 y'' - 2x^2 x y' + 2x^2 y = 0$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n (n(n-1) - x^2 n(n-1)) x^n - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (n x^2) x^n + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^2 x^n = 0$$

for all  $n$ , so equate  $x^n$  coefficients for  $n \geq 2$

$$a_n(n(n-1)) - a_{n-2}(n-2)(n-3) - 2a_{n-2}(n-2) + 2a_{n-2} = 0$$

which is a discrete equation

$$n(n-1)a_n = (n^2 - 3n)a_{n-2}$$

$$\text{or } a_n = \frac{n-3}{n-1} a_{n-2} \quad (18.2)$$

Note that  $a_0, a_1$  not set by (18.2), are initial/boundary conditions. Note from (18.2):  $a_3 = 0, a_5 = 0, a_n = 0$  for  $n$  odd. ( $n \geq 3$ )

$$\text{For } n \text{ even: } a_n = \frac{n-3}{n-1} \frac{n-5}{n-3} a_{n-4} = \dots = \frac{-1}{n-1} a_0$$

$$\therefore y = a_1 x + a_0 \left[ 1 - x^2 - \frac{x^4}{3} - \frac{x^6}{5} - \dots \right]$$

$$\text{Note: } \ln(1 \pm x) = \pm x - \frac{x^2}{2} \pm \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

$$\therefore \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) = 2x + \frac{2x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{5} + \dots$$

$$\text{so } y = a_1 x + a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) \right]$$

$$\underline{\text{Case 2}} \quad 4xy'' + 2(1-x^2)y' - xy = 0 \quad (18.3)$$

Find series solutions about  $x=0$

$x=0$ : regular singular point

$$\text{Try } y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+\sigma} \quad a_0 \neq 0$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+\sigma) x^{n+\sigma-1} \quad y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) x^{n+\sigma-2}$$

hence can multiply  $x \cdot (18.3)$ :

$$4x^2 y'' + 2(1-x^2)xy' - x^2 y = 0$$

so  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+\sigma} \left[ 4(n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) + 2(1-x^2)(n+\sigma) - x^2 \right] = 0$  (18.4)

for all  $x$ .

Equate coeff. of  $x^{n+\sigma}$  for  $n > 2$

$$a_n [4(n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) + 2(n+\sigma)] + a_{n-2} [-2(n-2+\sigma) - 1] = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2(n+\sigma)(2n+2\sigma-1)a_n = (2n+2\sigma-3)a_{n-2} \quad (18.5)$$

giving a recurrence.

To find  $\sigma$ , equate coefficients of lowest power of  $x$  in (18.4)

Set  $n=0$ , equate coeff. of  $x^0$

$$a_0 (4\sigma(\sigma-1)) + a_0 \cdot 2\sigma = 0$$

$$a_0 \neq 0 \text{ in Fuchs' theorem so have } \sigma(2\sigma-1) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sigma = 0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}.$$

$\sigma = 0$  Equate coeffs. of lowest powers of  $x$  in 18.4

For  $n=0$ ,  $\sigma = 0$ , coeff. of  $x^0$  are

$$a_0 (4(0)(-1)) + a_0 (2)(0) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow a_0$  arbitrary constant

For  $n=1$ ,  $\sigma = 0$

$$a_1 (4(1)(0)) + a_1 (2)(1) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 0$$

(18.5) with  $\sigma = 0$

$$2n(2n-1)a_n = (2n-3)a_{n-2} \quad (18.6)$$

Since  $a_1 = 0 \therefore a_3 = a_5 = \dots = 0$

$$n \text{ even: } a_n = \frac{2n-3}{2n(2n-1)} a_{n-2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{a_0}{4 \cdot 3} \quad a_4 = \frac{5}{8 \cdot 7} \cdot \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3} a_0$$

$$\text{so } y = a_0 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$\text{so } y = a_0 \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{4 \cdot 3} + \frac{5x^4}{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 4 \cdot 3} + \dots \right)$$

$$\underline{\sigma = \frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{recurrence 18.5 with } \sigma = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(2n+1)(2n) b_n = (2n-2) b_{n-2} \quad (\text{relabel } a_n = b_n)$$

Equate coeffs of lowest powers of  $x$

$$(18.4) \text{ with } \sigma = \frac{1}{2}, n=0, \text{ coeff. of } x^{1/2}$$

$$4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)b_0 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)b_0 = 0 \Rightarrow -b_0 + b_0 = 0 \\ (\text{arbitrary constant}).$$

$$n=1, \sigma = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ coeff. of } x^{3/2}$$

$$\left[ 4\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{2}-1\right) + 2\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right) \right] b_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \right] b_1 = 0 \Rightarrow b_1 = 0 \text{ so again}$$

$$b_3 = b_5 = \dots = 0.$$

$$\text{Even: } y = b_0 x^{1/2} \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 5} + \frac{3x^4}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 9} + \dots \right]$$

Here, we found 2 linearly independent solutions.

Special cases of the indicial equation

Consider expansion about  $x = x_0$ . Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  be the roots of the indicial equation.

Case 1  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2$  not an integer

2 linearly independent solutions

$$y = (x - x_0)^{\sigma_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n + (x - x_0)^{\sigma_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (x - x_0)^n$$

Note: as  $x \rightarrow x_0$ ,  $y \sim (x - x_0)^{\sigma_1}$  if  $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2$

Case 2  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2$  is an integer

There is one solution of form:

$$y_1 = (x - x_0)^{\sigma_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$$

$$\text{Other solution: } y_2 = (x - x_0)^{\sigma_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (x - x_0)^n + c y_1 \ln(x - x_0)$$

where  $c$  may or may not be 0.

Case 3  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$

Here  $c \neq 0$

$$y_1 = (x - x_0)^{\sigma} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$$

$$y_2 = (x - x_0)^{\sigma} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (x - x_0)^n + y_1 \ln(x - x_0)$$

Example 1 Solve  $x^2 y'' - xy = 0$  (19.1)

Seek series solutions about  $x=0$ .

This is a regular singular point (check)

try  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+\sigma}$  (Fuchs' Theorem)

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+\sigma} \left[ (n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) \right]_{\substack{n \\ -x}} = 0$$

Equate coeffs of  $x^{n+\sigma}$  for  $n \geq 2$ :

$$(n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1) a_n = a_{n-1} \quad (19.2)$$

Equate coeffs of lowest power of  $x$  here  $n=0$ , equate coefficients of  $x^\sigma$

$$\sigma(\sigma-1) a_0 = 0 \quad (19.3)$$

as  $a_0 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sigma = 0, 1$  (this is an example of case 2 on previous case)

$\sigma=1$  (19.2)  $\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} a_{n-1}$

$$= \frac{a_0}{(n+1)(n!)^2} \quad (\text{check})$$

$$y = a_0 x \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{x^3}{144} + \dots \right)$$

$\sigma=0$  (19.2)  $\Rightarrow n(n-1)b_n = b_{n-1}$

$n=1$ : equate coeffs of  $x$

$$b_1(1)(1-1) = 0 \quad b_1 \text{ arbitrary}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{b_1}{2(1)} = \frac{b_1}{2} \quad b_3 = \frac{b_2}{3(2)} = \frac{b_1}{12} \quad (\text{same terms as before})$$

$y(x)$  is linearly dependent on previous case. Therefore we will need soln of form  $y_2 = y_1 \ln x + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$

Try reduction of order:  $y_1 = a_0 x \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{x^3}{144} + \dots \right)$

Let  $y_2 = v(x) y_1(x) \Rightarrow y_2' = vy_1' + v'y_1, y_2'' = vy_1'' + 2v'y_1' + v''y_1$

$$\text{want } x^2 y_2'' - xy_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(v''y_1 + 2v'y_1') + v(x^2y_1'' - xy_1) = 0$$

$\underbrace{0, \text{ as } y_1 \text{ solves eqn}}$

$$\text{Let } u = v' \text{ then } u'y_1 + 2uy_1' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u'}{u} = -2 \frac{y_1'}{y_1} \Rightarrow \ln u = \ln(y_1^{-2}) + \ln B$$

$$\Rightarrow u = v' = \frac{B}{y_1^2}$$

$$v' = \frac{B}{a_0^2 x^2} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{x^3}{144} + \dots \right)^{-2}$$

Note: constant of integration gives a constant multiple of  $y_1$ .

Using binomial theorem:

$$v' = \frac{B}{a_0^2} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n x^n \right)$$

Integrating:

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \frac{-B}{a_0^2} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{B}{a_0^2} \ln x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n x^n \quad \text{then } \underline{y_2 = vy_1} \\ &= -\frac{B}{a_0} - \frac{B}{2a_0} x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} D_n x^n + C y_1 \ln x \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n + C y_1 \ln x}_{\text{the form stated earlier.}} \end{aligned}$$

### Example 2

$$(18.1) : (1-x^2) y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$$

seek series solution expanded about  $x = -1$

Re-define indep. variable:  $z = 1+x$

$$z(z-z) y'' - z(z-1) y' + 2y = 0$$

Expand about  $z=0$ : regular singular point

Try  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+\sigma}$ ,  $a_0 \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{n+\sigma-1} ((n+\sigma)(n+\sigma-1)(z-z) - z(n+\sigma)(z-1) + 2z) = 0$$

Equate coeffs of lowest power of  $z$

For  $n=0$ , coeffs multiplying  $z^{\sigma-1}$

Indicial eqn:  $2\sigma(\sigma-1) + 2\sigma = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sigma^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\sigma=0} \text{ repeated}$$

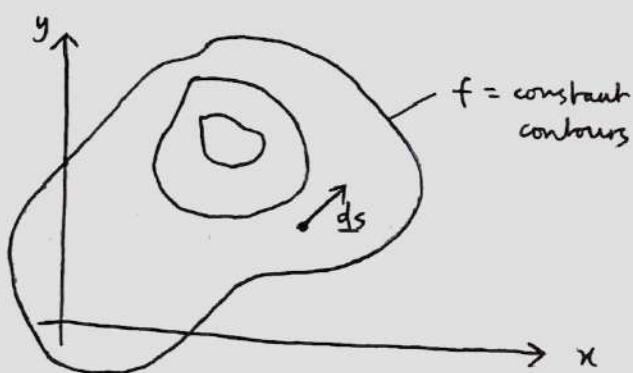
Have case 3 from first part of lecture. Note that we need term  $y_1 \ln(x-x_0)$ .

Part 5 : Multivariate Functions and Applications

Functions of multiple independent variables

Directional derivatives, gradient vector

Consider  $f(x, y)$



Consider a small displacement vector  $\underline{ds}$  and find rate of change of  $f$  in this direction

Change in  $f$ ,  $df$ , given change in  $x, y$   $dx, dy$  given by MV chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} df &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = (dx, dy) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \underline{ds} \cdot \nabla f \quad (20.1) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{like a vector})$$

where  $\underline{ds} = (dx, dy)$ ,  $\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$  "grad  $f$ " gradient vector

If we let  $\underline{ds} = ds \hat{s}$  ( $|\hat{s}| = 1$ ) in Cartesian coordinates

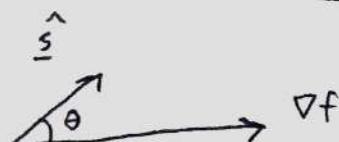
$$\text{then } (20.1) \Rightarrow df = ds(\hat{s}) \cdot \nabla f$$

$$\text{so have } \boxed{df = ds(\hat{s} \cdot \nabla f)}$$

$$\text{Directional derivatives : } \frac{df}{ds} = \hat{s} \cdot \nabla f \quad (20.2)$$

rate of change in  $f$  in direction of  $\hat{s}$ .

Properties of gradient vector



1. Magnitude of  $\Delta f$  is the maximum rate of change of  $f(x, y)$

$$|\nabla f| = \max_{\forall \theta} \left( \frac{df}{ds} \right)$$

2. The direction of  $\Delta f$  is the direction in which  $f$  increases most rapidly.

$$\left| \frac{df}{ds} \right| = |\nabla f| \cos \theta \quad \text{from (20.1)}$$

3. If  $\underline{ds}$  (and  $\hat{s}$ ) are parallel to contours of  $f$ , then  $\frac{df}{ds} = \hat{s} \cdot \nabla f = 0$ .

Hence  $\nabla f$  is perpendicular to contours of  $f(x, y)$  and  $|\nabla f|$  is the slope in the "uphill" direction.

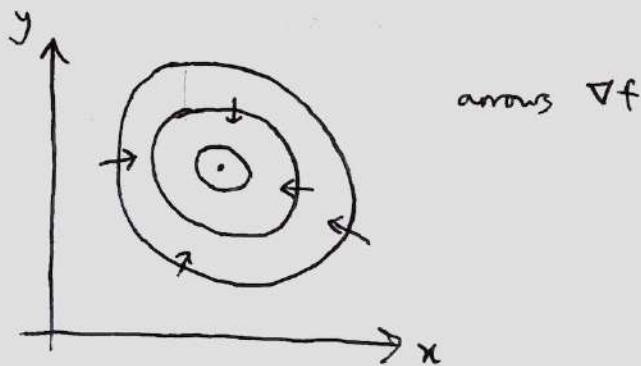
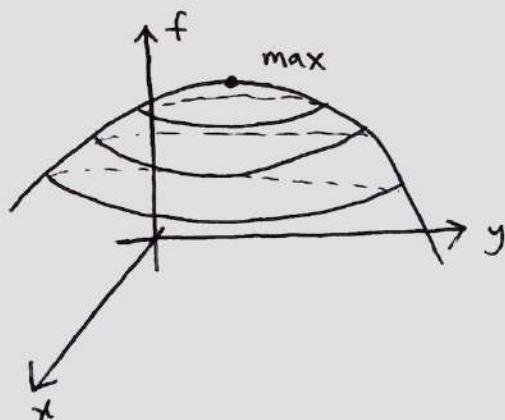
### Stationary Points

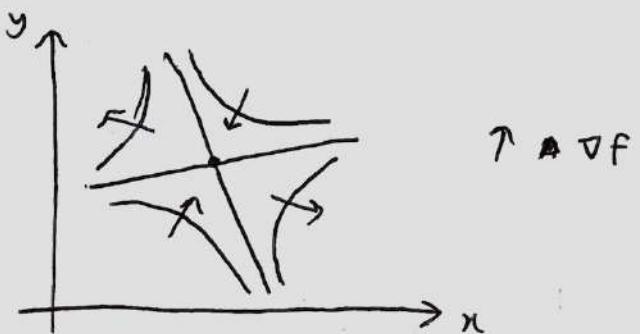
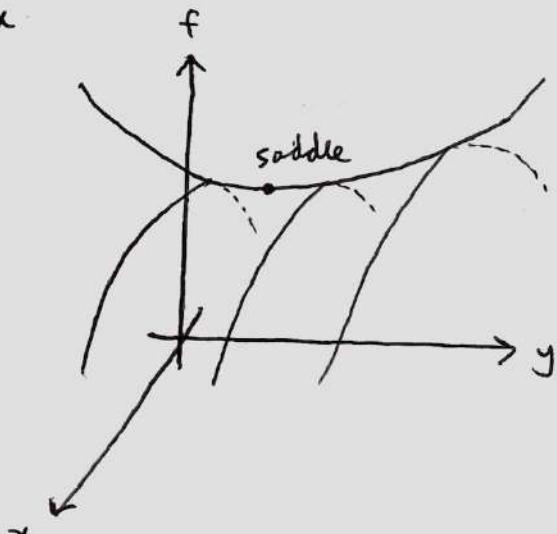
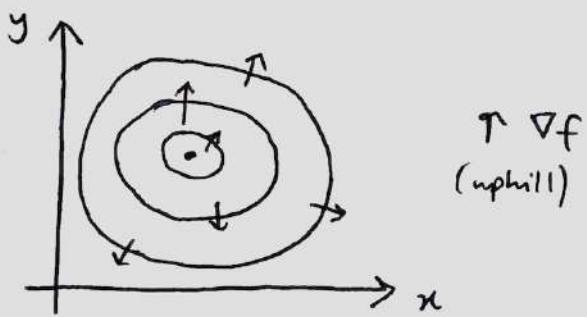
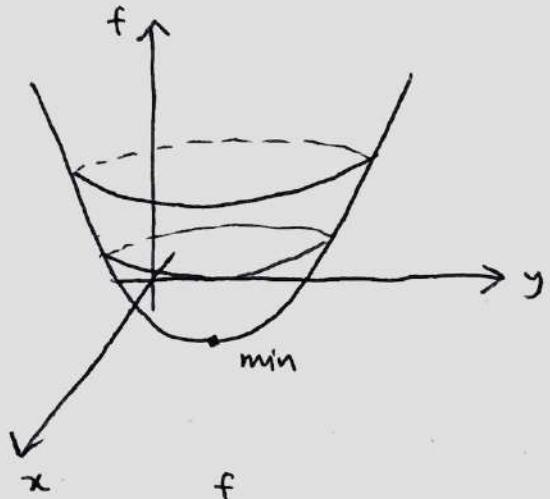
In general, there is always at least one direction in which  $\frac{df}{ds} = 0$ , parallel to contours of  $f$ .

Stationary points have  $\frac{df}{ds} = 0 \quad \forall \hat{s}$  (or  $\forall \theta$ )

Since  $\frac{df}{ds} = \hat{s} \cdot \nabla f$ ,  $\Rightarrow \nabla f = 0$  at stationary points.

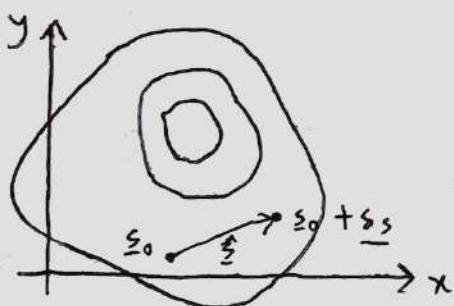
### Types of stationary points





- Near min/max, contours of  $f$  are elliptical
- Near saddle, contours of  $f$  are hyperbolic
- Contours of  $f$  can only cross at saddle points.

### Taylor Series for multivariate functions



$$\underline{\delta s} = \delta s \hat{\underline{s}}$$

The Taylor series expansion in the direction of  $\hat{\underline{s}}$  is:

$$f(s_0 + \delta s) = f(s_0) + \delta s \frac{df}{ds} \Big|_{s_0} + \frac{1}{2} (\delta s)^2 \frac{d^2 f}{ds^2} \Big|_{s_0} + \dots \quad (20.3)$$

From (20.2):  $\frac{d}{ds} = \hat{\underline{s}} \cdot \nabla$  (operator)

hence  $\delta s \frac{d}{ds} = \delta s \cdot \nabla$

$$(20.3) \quad f(s_0 + \delta s) = f(s_0) + \underbrace{\delta s \cdot \nabla f \Big|_{s_0}}_{\text{term 1}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (\delta s)^2 (\hat{\underline{s}} \cdot \nabla)(\hat{\underline{s}} \cdot \nabla) f \Big|_{s_0}}_{\text{term 2}} + \dots$$

In Cartesian coordinates  $\underline{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$   $\underline{s} = (s_x, s_y)$

$$x = x_0 + s_x, \quad y = y_0 + s_y$$

$$(1) : s_x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + s_y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) &: \frac{1}{2} \left( s_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + s_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \left( s_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + s_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f \Big|_{x_0, y_0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( s_x^2 f_{xx} + s_x s_y f_{xy} + s_y s_x f_{yx} + s_y^2 f_{yy} \right) \Big|_{x_0, y_0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (s_x, s_y) \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_x \\ s_y \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{check}) \end{aligned}$$

### Hessian matrix

$$\underline{H} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \nabla(\nabla f)$$

so MV Taylor series in 2D Cartesian is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(x_0, y_0) + (x - x_0) f_x \Big|_{x_0, y_0} + (y - y_0) f_y \Big|_{x_0, y_0} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (x - x_0)^2 f_{xx} \Big|_{x_0, y_0} + (y - y_0)^2 f_{yy} \Big|_{x_0, y_0} \right. \\ (20.4) \quad &\quad \left. + 2(x - x_0)(y - y_0) f_{xy} \Big|_{x_0, y_0} \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

In general :

$$\begin{aligned} f(\underline{x}) &= f(\underline{x}_0) + \underline{s}_x \cdot \nabla f(\underline{x}_0) + \frac{1}{2} \underline{s}_x \cdot [\nabla(\nabla f)] \Big|_{x_0} \cdot \underline{s}_x^\top \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (20.5)$$

Classifying Stationary Points

$\nabla f = 0$  defines a SP so Taylor series about SP  $\underline{x} = \underline{x}_s$

$$\text{is } f(\underline{x}) \approx f(\underline{x}_s) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \underline{x} \cdot \underline{H} \Big|_{\underline{x}_s} \cdot \delta \underline{x}^T$$

(number of SP depends on  $H$ )

Consider function in  $n$ -dim. space

$$f = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$$

$n$ -dim Hessian:

$$\underline{H} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{x_1 x_1} & f_{x_1 x_2} & \dots & f_{x_1 x_n} \\ \vdots & f_{x_2 x_2} & & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \\ f_{x_n x_1} & \dots & & f_{x_n x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

If derivatives defined  
then  $f_{x_1 x_2} = f_{x_2 x_1}$ , etc  
Hence  $H$  is symmetric  
so can be diagonalised  
wrt principle axes.

$$\delta \underline{x} \cdot \underline{H} \cdot \delta \underline{x}^T =$$

$$(\delta x_1, \delta x_2, \dots, \delta x_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x_1 \\ \delta x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \delta x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\lambda_i$  are eigenvalues of  $H$  and  $\delta x_i$  is the displacement along principal axis (eigenvector) i so

$$\delta \underline{x} \cdot \underline{H} \cdot \delta \underline{x}^T = \lambda_1 \delta x_1^2 + \lambda_2 \delta x_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_n \delta x_n^2 \quad (21.1)$$

Types of SPs

$$1. \text{ Minimum } \delta \underline{x} \cdot \underline{H} \cdot \delta \underline{x}^T > 0 \quad \forall \delta \underline{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n > 0, \quad H \text{ positive definite}$$

## 2. Maximum

$$\underline{\delta x} \cdot \underline{H} \cdot \underline{\delta x}^T < 0 \quad \forall \underline{\delta x}$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n < 0$ ,  $\underline{H}$  negative definite

## 3. Saddle $\underline{H}$ indefinite

Signature of  $H$  is the pattern of signs of its subdeterminants.

e.g. for  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

$$\text{Signs of } \begin{matrix} |f_{x_1 x_1}|, & |f_{x_1 x_1} f_{x_2 x_2}|, & |f_{x_1 x_1} \dots f_{x_n x_n}| \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ |\underline{H}_1| & |\underline{H}_2| & |\underline{H}| \end{matrix}$$

From V2M: If  $\underline{H}$  is positive (or negative) definite

then  $\underline{H}_1, \underline{H}_2, \dots, \underline{H}_{n-1}$  are positive (or negative) definite.  
(Sylvester's criterion)

i.e. a minimum (max) point in  $n$ -dim space is also  
a minimum (max) in any subspace that includes it.

## Types of SP

- Minimum ( $\lambda_i > 0$ ) +, +, +, ...

- Maximum ( $\lambda_i < 0$ ) -, +, -, ...

Note that if  $|\underline{H}| = 0$ , need higher order terms in Taylor series.

## Contours of $f$ near stationary point

Consider a coordinate system aligned with principal axes of  $\underline{H}$

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $\underline{\delta x} = (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_s) = (\underline{\xi}, \underline{\zeta})$   $\underline{x}_s$  stationary point

In a small region near  $\underline{x}_s$ , contours of  $f$  satisfy

$$f = \text{constant} \approx f(\underline{x}_s) + \frac{1}{2} \underline{\delta x} \cdot \underline{H} \cdot \underline{\delta x}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \xi^2 + \lambda_2 \gamma^2 = \text{constant} \quad (21.2)$$

Near min./max.:  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  same sign

(21.2)  $\Rightarrow$  contours of  $f$  elliptical

Near saddle  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  opposite sign: (21.2)  $\Rightarrow$  contours of  $f$  hyperbolic

Example  $f(x, y) = 4x^3 - 12xy + y^2 + 10y + 6$

$$\text{SPs: } f_x = f_y = 0 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (1, 1), (5, 25)$$

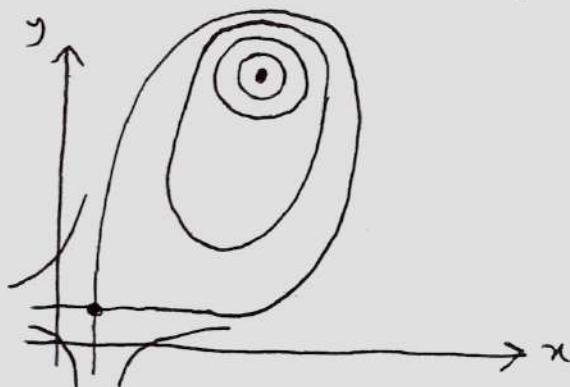
$$f_{xx} = 24x, \quad f_{xy} = -12, \quad f_{yy} = 2$$

$$(1, 1) \quad \underline{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 & -12 \\ -12 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad |\underline{H}| = 24, \quad |\underline{H}| = 48 - 144$$

signature +, -  $\Rightarrow$  saddle point

$$(5, 25) \quad \underline{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 120 & -12 \\ -12 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad |\underline{H}| = 120, \quad |\underline{H}| = 240 - 144$$

signature: +, +  $\Rightarrow$  minimum



Part 2 Systems of linear ODEs

$$\dot{y}_1 = ay_1 + by_2 + f_1(t)$$

Consider  $y_1(t), y_2(t)$  which satisfy

$$\dot{y}_2 = cy_1 + dy_2 + f_2(t)$$

(21.3)

$$\text{Vector form: } \dot{\underline{Y}} = \underline{M} \underline{Y} + \underline{F} \quad (21.4)$$

$$\text{with } \underline{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{M} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{F} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Any  $n^{\text{th}}$  order DE can be written as a system of  $n$  first order ODEs.

e.g. standard form for 2nd order linear ODE,

$$\ddot{y} + ay' + by = f \quad (21.5)$$

$$\text{let } y_1 = y, \quad y_2 = \dot{y} \quad \text{so} \quad \underline{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{hence } \dot{y}_1 = y_2$$

$$\text{and } (21.5) \Rightarrow \dot{y}_2 = -ay_2 - by_1 + f$$

$$\text{or } \dot{\underline{Y}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -b & -a \end{pmatrix} \underline{Y} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f \end{pmatrix}$$

a system of two 1<sup>st</sup> order ODEs.

### Matrix Methods

To solve a system of linear ODEs:

$$\dot{\underline{Y}} = M \underline{Y} + \underline{F} \quad (22.1) \quad M \text{ a matrix}$$

$$1. \text{ Write } \underline{Y} = \underline{Y}_c + \underline{Y}_p \text{ where } \dot{\underline{Y}}_c = M \underline{Y}_c \quad (22.2)$$

$$2. \text{ Seek solutions of } \underline{Y}_c = \underline{v} e^{\lambda t} \\ (22.2) \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda v} = M \underline{v} \quad (\text{subbing in } \underline{Y}_c)$$

Note:  $\lambda$  and  $\underline{v}$  are respectively the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of coefficient matrix  $M$ .

$$3. \text{ Find } \underline{Y}_p \text{ based on form of } \underline{F}.$$

Example  $\dot{\underline{Y}} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 24 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \underline{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t \quad (22.3)$

$$\text{try } \underline{Y}_c = \underline{v} e^{\lambda t}$$

eigenvectors and eigenvalues of  $M$  are:

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = -8, \underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{check})$$

$$\text{hence } \underline{Y}_c = A \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + B \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-8t}$$

Particular integral:

$$\text{Try } \underline{Y}_p = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} e^t \quad u_1, u_2 \text{ unknown}$$

$$(22.3) \text{ plug in: } \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 24 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -24 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow u_1 = -4, u_2 = -1$$

So general solution is

$$\underline{Y} = A \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + B \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-8t} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

Note: If forcing term on RHS matches  $\underline{Y}_c$ , then try  
 $\underline{Y}_p = u t e^{\lambda t}$  instead.

From a linear system of  $n$  first order ODEs, we can construct  $n$  uncoupled  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODEs.

For (22.3) write as

$$\dot{y}_1 = -4y_1 + 24y_2 + 4e^t \quad (22.4)$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = y_1 - 2y_2 + e^t \quad (22.5)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(22.4) \Rightarrow \ddot{y}_1 = -4\dot{y}_1 + 24\dot{y}_2 + 4e^t$$

$$\text{Using (22.5)} : \ddot{y}_1 = -4\dot{y}_1 + 24y_1 - 48y_2 + 24e^t + 4e^t$$

$$\text{Using (22.4)} : 24y_2 = \dot{y}_1 + 4y_1 - 4e^t$$

$$\text{so get } \ddot{y}_1 = -4\dot{y}_1 + 24y_1 - 2\dot{y}_1 - 8y_1 + 8e^t + 28e^t$$

$$\text{or } \ddot{y}_1 + 6\dot{y}_1 - 16y_1 = 36e^t$$

General solution here is  $y_1 = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-8t} - 4e^t$

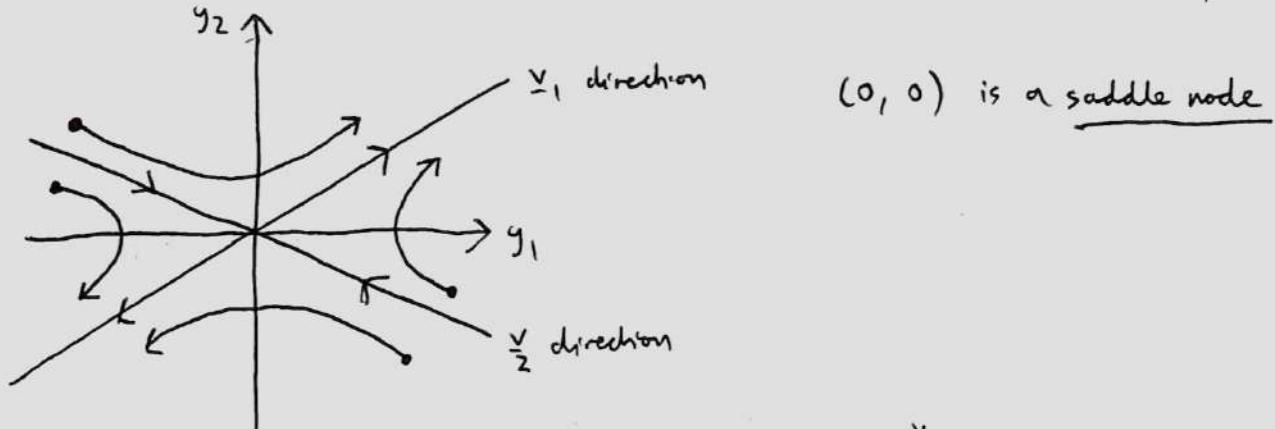
(see previous solution with matrix method).

### Phase Portraits (revisited)

For complementary function  $\underline{Y}_c$  satisfying  $\dot{\underline{Y}}_c = M\underline{Y}_c \quad (22.6)$   
have  $\underline{Y}_c = A\underline{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + B\underline{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$

### 3 cases

1.  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  real and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$  (wlog:  $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$ )



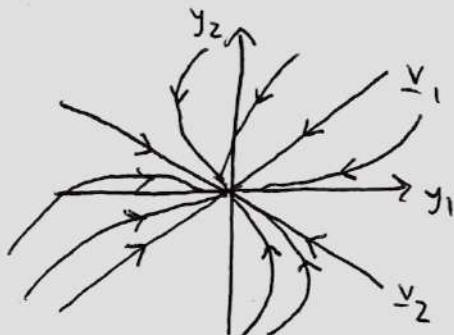
$(0, 0)$  is a saddle node

2.  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  real  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$

a)  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$

wlog  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2|$

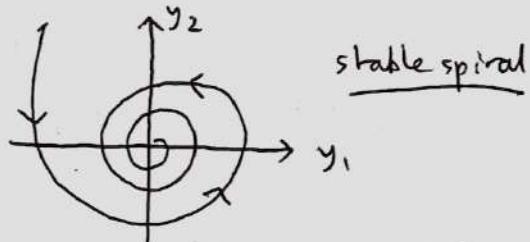
so "collapses faster" along  $v_1$ ,  
than  $v_2$ .  $(0, 0)$  is a stable node.



b)  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ : same with arrows reversed: unstable node

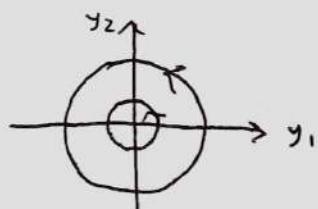
3.  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  complex conjugate pair

a)  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) < 0$



stable spiral

b)  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) > 0$  unstable spiral



c)  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = 0$

To find rotation direction, evaluate system of eqns at given point to find sign of  $y_1, y_2$

e.g.  $y_2 = 0, y_1 > 0$ , find sign of  $y_2$

## Nonlinear systems of ODEs

Consider an autonomous system of two nonlinear first order ODEs.

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y) \quad (22.7)$$

$$\dot{y} = g(x, y) \quad (22.8)$$

$f, g$  nonlinear functions of  $x, y$ ; autonomous:  $f(g)$  independent of  $t$ .

### Equilibrium (fixed) points

Let  $(x_0, y_0)$  be a fixed point:

$$\dot{x}|_{x_0, y_0} = 0, \quad \dot{y}|_{x_0, y_0} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(x_0, y_0) = 0 \\ g(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

Solve system of eqns for  $(x_0, y_0)$

### Stability: perturbation analysis

$$(x, y) = (x_0 + a(t), y_0 + b(t))$$

$$(22.7) \Rightarrow \dot{a} = f(x_0 + a, y_0 + b) \approx f(x_0, y_0) + af_x(x_0, y_0) + bf_y(x_0, y_0)$$

$$(22.8) \Rightarrow \dot{b} = g(x_0 + a, y_0 + b) \approx g(x_0, y_0) + ag_x(x_0, y_0) + bg_y(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\text{but } f(x_0, y_0) = g(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ \dot{b} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix}}_M \Big|_{x_0, y_0} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{which is a homogeneous linear system of ODEs}$$

Eigenvalues of  $M$ :  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  determine the stability and behaviour: see phase portraits section earlier.

Example Predator-prey model (Lotka-Volterra eqns)

Prey (phytoplankton)  $\dot{x} = \alpha x - \beta xy = f(x, y)$   $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta > 0$

Predator (zooplankton)  $\dot{y} = \delta xy - \gamma y = g(x, y)$  constants

Fixed points ( $\dot{x} = \dot{y} = 0$ ) Fixed points:  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$\dot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{\gamma}{\delta}$$

are  $(0, 0)$  or  $(\frac{\gamma}{\delta}, \frac{\alpha}{\beta})$

trivial: no predators  
or prey

$$\text{so } M = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \beta y & -\beta x \\ \delta y & \delta x - \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

Stability  $(0, 0)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ \dot{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

so is a saddle node

$$\left(\frac{\gamma}{\delta}, \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right) : \begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ \dot{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\beta y}{\delta} \\ \frac{\alpha s}{\beta} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

e.vals  $\lambda^2 + \alpha\gamma = 0$

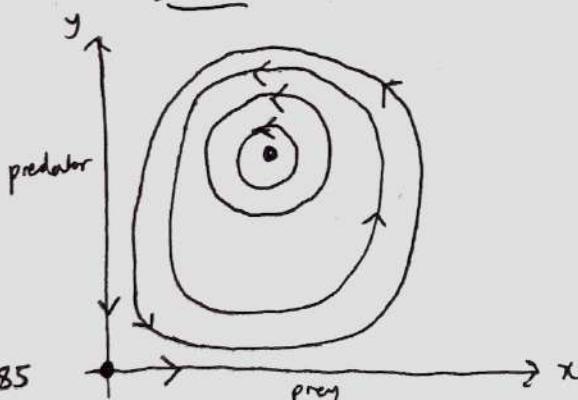
$$\text{so } \lambda = \pm \sqrt{-\alpha\gamma} = \pm i\sqrt{\alpha\gamma}$$

$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) = 0$  so is a centre.

$$\dot{a} = -\frac{\beta y}{\delta} b \quad \text{if } b > 0, \dot{a} < 0$$

so antidiodeurise

Sketch



## Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

This is a DE with multiple independent variables.

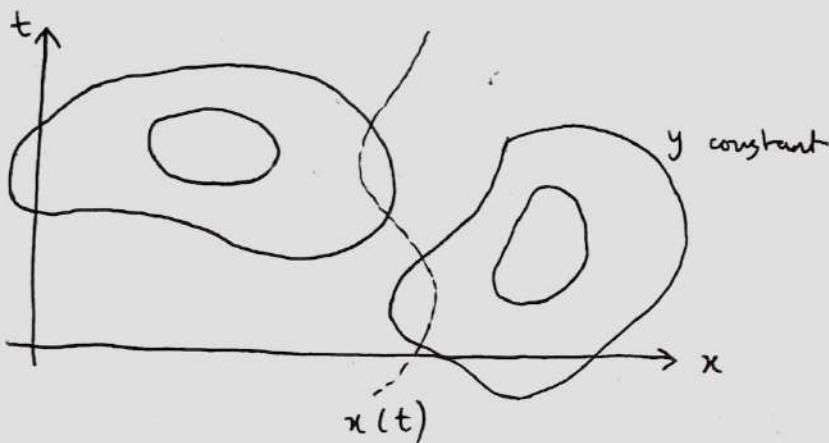
Here, consider 3 examples.

### 1. First order wave equation

Consider  $y(x, t)$  where

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (\text{c constant}) \quad (23.1)$$

Use method of characteristics



Sample  $y(x, t)$  along "path" given by  $x(t)$ .

Along path:  $y(x(t), t)$

Multivariate chain rule:

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

Compare with (23.1): note

that if  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -c$  then

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

So  $y$  is constant along paths with  $x = x_0 - ct$

(integrate  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -c$ ).



If  $y(x, t=0) = f(x)$ , we have  $y = f(x_0)$  along characteristics.

∴ general solution is

$$y = f(x + ct).$$

### Example 1 unforced wave equation

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{with } y(x, 0) = x^2 - 3$$

$$\text{Then } y(x, t) = \underline{(x + ct)^2 - 3}$$

### Example 2 forced wave equation

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + 5 \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = e^{-t} \quad \text{with } y(x, 0) = e^{-x^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = e^{-t} \text{ along paths with } \frac{dx}{dt} = 5 \quad \text{or } x = x_0 + 5t$$

$$\downarrow y = A - e^{-t} \text{ along paths}$$

$$\text{Use ICs: at } t = 0, \quad x = x_0 \quad \text{and } y(x, 0) = A - 1 \\ = e^{-x_0^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1 + e^{-x_0^2} \text{ so we have}$$

$$y = \underline{1 + e^{-(x-5t)^2} - e^{-t}} \leftarrow \text{general solution}$$

(considering  $x_0 = x - 5t$  - all possible paths).

2. Second order wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad (23.2)$$

Factor differential operator:

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) y = 0$$

Operators commute: so either  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$   
 or  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 0$ .

Compare with (23.1) from previous lecture, so

$$y = f(x+ct) \quad \text{or} \quad y = g(x-ct). \quad \text{Linear in } y \quad (23.2)$$

so general solution is  $y = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct)$ .

Example Solve  $y_{tt} - c^2 y_{xx} = 0$  subject to  $y = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$   
 and  $y_t = 0$  at  $x = 0$ , and  $y \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

Solution form  $y = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct)$

$$\text{Use ICs: } t=0 : f(x) + g(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$cf'(x) - cg'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f' = g' \Rightarrow f = g + A$$

$$\text{so } 2g(x) + A = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) - \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\text{and } f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) + \frac{A}{2}$$

Note: A doesn't show up since we take  $f(x) + g(x)$ .

$$\text{So } y(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{1+(x+ct)^2} + \frac{1}{1+(x-ct)^2} \right]$$

↑                              ↑  
 for  $c > 0$  moves left      moves right

## Diffusion equation



let  $c(x, t)$  be # of particles at  $x, t$

After  $\Delta t$ , let  $p = \text{prob. of moving right one step}$   
 $q = \text{prob. of moving left one step}$   
 $1 - p = \text{prob. of staying there}$

$$c(x, t + \Delta t) = (1 - 2p)c(x, t) + p(c(x + \Delta x, t) + c(x - \Delta x, t)) \quad (24.2)$$

Expand in Taylor series for small  $\Delta x, \Delta t$

$$c(x, t + \Delta t) = c(x, t) + \Delta t \frac{\partial c}{\partial t}(x, t) + O(\Delta t^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} c(x + \Delta x, t) &= c(x, t) + \Delta x \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}(x, t) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}(x, t) \\ &\quad + O(\Delta x^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$(24.2): c + \Delta t \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + O(\Delta t^2) = (1 - 2p)c + p(2c + \Delta x^2 \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + O(\Delta x^2))$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + O(\Delta t) = p \frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta t} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + O\left(\frac{\Delta x^3}{\Delta t}\right)$$

Let  $\Delta x, \Delta t \rightarrow 0$  such that  $\frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta t}$  is constant.

$$\text{then } \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{with } k = \lim_{\substack{\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \\ \Delta t \rightarrow 0}} p \frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta t} \quad (24.3)$$

$\uparrow$   
diffusion equation

$k$  = diffusion coefficient

Example  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$  with  $y(x, 0) = s(x)$   
 $y \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$

Define  $\gamma = \frac{x^2}{4kt}$ , similarity variable (think dimensional analysis)

Seek solutions of form  $y = t^{-\alpha} f(\gamma)$

$$\text{Then } y_t = -\alpha t^{-\alpha-1} f(\gamma) + t^{-\alpha} f'_\gamma \gamma_t$$

$$y_x = t^{-\alpha} f'_\gamma \gamma_x, \quad y_{xx} = t^{-\alpha} f''_{\gamma\gamma} (\gamma_x)^2 + t^{-\alpha} f'_{\gamma\gamma} \gamma_{xx}$$

$$\text{so (24.4)} \Rightarrow -\frac{\alpha}{t} f + f' \gamma_t = k f^n (\gamma_x)^2 + k f' \gamma_{xx}$$

$$\text{and notice } \gamma_t = \frac{-x^2}{4kt^2} = \frac{-\gamma}{t} \quad (24.5)$$

$$\gamma_x = \frac{2x}{4kt}, \quad (\gamma_x)^2 = \frac{4x^2}{16k^2 t^2} = \frac{\gamma}{kt}$$

$$\gamma_{xx} = \frac{2}{4kt} \quad \text{so (24.5) gives an ODE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha f + f' \gamma + f'' \gamma + \frac{f'}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \gamma \frac{d}{d\gamma} (f + f') + \frac{1}{2} (f' + 2\alpha f) = 0 \quad \text{an ODE for } f(\gamma)$$

(note  $\alpha$  arbitrary)

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \quad (24.6) \Rightarrow \gamma \frac{dF}{d\gamma} + \frac{F}{2} = 0 \quad \text{where } F = f + f'$$

$$\text{One solution: } F = 0 \quad \forall \gamma \Rightarrow f + f' = 0 \Rightarrow f = A e^{-\gamma}$$

$$\text{recall } y = t^{-\alpha} f(\gamma) \quad \text{hence } y = A t^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/4kt}$$

Set A from ICs.

$$\text{Recall } \delta(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon \sqrt{\pi}} e^{-x^2/\varepsilon^2} \right] \quad \text{let } \varepsilon^2 = 4kt$$

as  $t \rightarrow 0, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{\varepsilon \sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi k}} t^{-1/2} \quad \text{hence } A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi k}}$$

$$\text{and } y(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi k}} t^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/4kt}$$