

Singular Solution

- An equation may have general solution and particular solution which isn't contained in the former. It's phenomenon of degeneration on general solution — The uniqueness is broken geometrically.

⇒ Next we introduce a special kind of particular solution — Singular solution

(1) Implicit Equation with one order:

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

① Methods of Solving:

1) By factorization, obtain explicit differential equation.

2) Solve for $\begin{cases} y = f(x, p) \\ \text{or} \\ x = f(y, p) \end{cases}$ where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$.

Then by $1/1x$ or $1/1y \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p = \frac{d}{dx} f(x, p) \\ \frac{1}{p} = \frac{d}{dy} f(y, p) \end{cases}$

3) By parametrization, for $F(y, p) = 0$ or

$F(x, p) = 0$. Let $y = g(t)$, $p = h(t)$ or

$x = g(t)$, $p = h(t)$ satisfies equation above.

⇒ $\begin{cases} h(t)dx = dy = g'(t)dt \\ h'(t)dy = dx = g'(t)dt \end{cases}$ solve x or y !

Or for $F(x, y, p) = 0$. Let $\begin{cases} x = f(u, v) \\ y = g(u, v) \\ p = h(u, v) \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow dy = g'_u du + g'_v dv = h(u, v) dx = h(u, v) (f'_u du + f'_v dv)$$

Then we can solve for u, v !

② Example:

Clairaut equation

$$y = xp + f(p), \quad p = \frac{dy}{dx}, \quad f''(p) \neq 0$$

Pf: By $\frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dx} (x + f'(p)) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = (x + f'(p)), & \text{general solution} \\ x = -f'(p), y = -f'(p)p + f(p), & \text{particular solution.} \end{cases}$$

Since $f''(p) \neq 0$, solve $p = w(x) = y'$

$$y = x w(x) + f(w(x)), \text{ for any } (x, y) \text{ on it.}$$

$\exists c_0$ s.t. $y = c_0 x + f(c_0)$ tangent to it!

→ It can construct an equation, whose singular solution is the given $y = g(x)$.

1) Tangent line of $y = g(x)$

$$y = g'(t)(x-t) + g(t)$$

$$\therefore c = g'(t), \quad t = k(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(c) = g(k(c)) - ck(c)$$

2) Since we obtain

$$\Rightarrow y = px + f(p) \quad \checkmark$$

(2) Singular solutions:

Def: For $F(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}) = 0$, has a particular solution I :

$y = \varphi(x)$, s.t. $\forall a \in I, \forall \text{line } l, \exists \text{ solution } \neq I$.

s.t. it tangent to I at a .

① Necessarity:

$F(x, y, p)$ conti. in G for (x, y, p) . F_y, F'_p conti.

If $\varphi(x) = y$ is a singular solution, i.e.

$F(x, \varphi(x), \varphi'(x)) = 0$. $(x, \varphi(x), \varphi'(x)) \in G$. Then it satisfies:

$$p\text{-Criterion: } \begin{cases} F(x, \eta, p) = 0 \\ F'_p(x, \eta, p) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Pf: By Implicit Func. Thm: If $F'_p \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d\eta}{dx} = f(x, \eta)$.

$$\dot{\eta} = -\frac{F_\eta}{F'_p} \text{ conti. by Picard Thm.}$$

It has unique solution locally. Contradict!

② Sufficiency:

$F(x, \eta, p) \in C^2[\mathbb{R}^3 \cap G]$. satisfies p -criterion.

If $\eta = \varphi(x)$ is the solution from p -criterion

by cancelling p . satisfies $\begin{cases} F_\eta(x, \varphi(x), \varphi'(x)) \neq 0 \\ F''_{pp}(x, \varphi(x), \varphi'(x)) \neq 0 \\ F'_p(x, \varphi(x), \varphi'(x)) = 0 \end{cases}$

\Rightarrow Then $\eta = \varphi(x)$ is singular

Pf: The ideal is find the point-tangent solution which is different from $\eta = \varphi(x)$.

The differentials are for applying Implicit Function Thm to reduce multivariation!

(3) Envelop:

Def: An envelop I for family of curves:

$$K(c) = V(x, \eta, c) = 0. \quad V \in C[\mathbb{R}^3 \cap D].$$

which $\in C^1(I)$. If η_2 on I . $\exists K(c_0) \in K(c)$. $\exists U_2$ of η_2 tangent to I at η in U_2 . Besides, $K(c_0) \neq I$ in U_2 .

Remark: The envelop won't exist always!

① Equivalences:

Thm. For $F(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}) = 0 \Rightarrow$ general solution $u(c)$:
 $u(x, y, c) = 0$. Then the envelop of $u(c)$ is the
singular solution for $F(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}) = 0$.

p.f. Check the envelop $y = \varphi(x)$ is a solution!

② Dual Propositions:

Thm. 1 (Necessity)

If I is an envelop for $V(x, y, c) = 0$, then

it satisfies C-criterion $\begin{cases} V(x, y, c) = 0 \\ V'_c(x, y, c) = 0 \end{cases}$

→ Guarantee
it's not
unique!

(we can solve for $x(x, y) = 0$)

p.f. Only consider the parametrized case:

$I = \begin{cases} x = f(c) \\ y = g(c) \end{cases}$, then $V(f(c), g(c), c) = 0$

\Rightarrow d/dc, we obtain $(V'_x, V'_y, V'_c)(f', g', 1) = 0$

1°) $(V'_x, V'_y) = \vec{0}$ or $(f', g') = \vec{0}$.

2°) By tangent: $(-V'_y, V'_x) \parallel (f', g')$, since it's an envelope

Remark: The slope of $V(x, y, c)$ is from:

by Implicit Function Thm. $y = \varphi(x)$

$\therefore \varphi'(x) = -\frac{V'_x}{V'_y}$ is the slope!

Thm 2: (Sufficient)

For $V(x, y, c) = 0$, by C-Criterion, we determine

a curve $\Lambda = \begin{cases} x = \varphi(c) \\ y = \psi(c) \end{cases} \in C'$. (Parametrized expression)

If Λ satisfies $\begin{cases} (\varphi'(c), \psi'(c)) \neq \vec{0} & \text{(Non-degenerated)} \\ (V_x, V_y)|_{(\varphi(c), \psi(c), c)} \neq \vec{0} & \text{(Condition)} \end{cases}$

Then Λ is an envelop for $V(x, y, c) = 0$.

Pf: The non-degenerated condition is for the existence of slope! Then $(-V_y, V_x) \parallel (\varphi'(c), \psi'(c))$

Remark: Envelop is for the solution family (Not primary form) Its property may be better than singular.

→ If exists a $\vec{0}$. Then the slope will be ∞ . It may be a "pole"! e.g. $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{x-1}$, $x=y=1$! So they won't be tangent!

(4) Complement: Characterization

• If a solution of equation isn't unique anywhere.

Then it's the singular solution.

Since two solutions tangent at the same point!

e.g. If $E(y)$ satisfies, $E(y) < 0$ in $[0, 1]$ only when $y=0$. Then

for $\frac{dx}{dx} = E(y)$, $y=0$ is singular $\Leftrightarrow \int_0^1 \frac{1}{E(y)} dy$ converges.

Pf: Consider the uniqueness

(\Leftarrow) Construct $x = C + \int_0^y \frac{dx}{E(y)}$

(\Rightarrow) If $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{E(y)} dy = \infty$. Then $y \neq 0$ is locally unique.