Mathematical Analisis 1

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Pre-Derivatives

Theorems, functions and axioms

"Calvin: You know, I don't think math is a science, I think it's a religion.

Hobbes: A religion?

Calvin: Yeah. All these equations are like miracles. You take two numbers and when you add them, they magically become one NEW number! No one can say how it happens. You either believe it or you don't. [Pointing at his math book] This whole book is full of things that have to be accepted on faith! It's a religion!"

Logic

Propositional Logic

A proposition is a statement. Statements in math are either true or false, if you combined multiple propositions there are multiple outcomes depending on the validity of each proposition in the statement. I call them compound statements (but I dont think its the actual name).

Negation (Negazione): Represented by a \neg . Inverts the value of a statement, e.g (Bob went to the store), the opposite can be represented as \neg (Bob went to the store).

Disjunction (Disgiunzione): Represented by a \lor . Statement is true if at least one of the propositions is also true.

Conjunction (Congiunzione): Represented by a \wedge . Statement is true only if both propositions are also true.

Implication (Implicazione): Represented by a \rightarrow . Its formally defined as : $\neg P \lor Q$.

Biconditional (Bicondizionale): Represented by a \leftrightarrow . Statement is true if both of the propositions share the same value.

Predicate Logic

Universal: It is represented by \forall . "For every ..."

Existence: It is represented by \exists . "There exists ..."

Axioms

Axioms (Assiomi): An axiom is a postulate, more commonly known as assumption. It is a statement that is held as always true in regards to the problem or proof needed to solve. There are different types of axioms which are briefly stated below:

Logical Axioms: A universal truth in all of Mathematics applicable in both the Physics Notes and the Linear Algebra Notes.

Non Logical Axioms: Domain specific assumptions, such as Axioms only applicable in $\mathbb{R}(Gross \ oversimplification)$

Group Theory (Theoria degli insiemi)

Definition of a Group

A group is a set, that has the following requirements:

Closure: For all $a, b \in G$, $a * b \in G$

Associativity: $a, b, c \in G, (a * b) * c = a * (c * b)$

Identity: Lets say e exists $e \in G$ such that e * a = a * e = a for all $a \in G$

Inverse: If there exists a a, such that $a \in G$ therefore there exists a inverses

Proofs (Dimostrazione)

In Math, every theorem and formula needs to be able to be proven in a proof. There are multiple types of proofs which are used to show that a theorem and or formula is valid. In these notes, very few proofs will be done, however in the written blue book. Each proof I have written in there has a classification. If a proof is referenced it will have a corresponding code written next to it referencing the written proof in the blue notebook.

Direct Proof (Dimostrazione Diretta). By using known definitions, axioms and theorems, a sequence of logical steps can be used to directly demonstrate whether or not the statement is correct.

Proof by Contradiction (Dimostrazione per Assurdo). Assume that a statement is false and connect it to a logical contradiction.

Induction (Induzione). Used for statements involving natural numbers

Base Case: Verify the statement holds for the initial value

Inductive Step: Assume it holds for a n=k, then prove it holds for n=k+1.

Constructive Proof (Dimostrazione Costruttiva). Make a identity with the exact desired property. More formally "Demonstrates the existence of an object by explicitly constructing it"

Functions

A **function** (*funzione*) is a very common conecept in math that formalizes the relationship between two sets by assigning each element of the first set to exactly one element of the second set. Formally, a function $f:A\to B$ consists of:

- A **domain** (*dominio*) A, the set of all possible inputs.
- A **codomain** (codominio) B, the set into which all outputs are mapped.
- A rule or correspondence that links each element $x \in A$ to a unique element $f(x) \in B$.

Formal Definition A function f is a subset of the Cartesian product $A \times B$ such that for every $x \in A$, there exists exactly one $y \in B$ where $(x,y) \in f$. This is denoted as y = f(x).

Key Properties

1. **Injectivity** (*iniettiva*): A function is injective if distinct inputs map to distinct outputs:

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in A, \quad f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2.$$

2. **Surjectivity** (suriettiva): A function is surjective if every element in B is an output for some input:

$$\forall y \in B, \quad \exists x \in A \text{ such that } y = f(x).$$

3. **Bijectivity** (*biiettiva*): A function is bijective if it is both injective and surjective, establishing a one-to-one correspondence between A and B.

Natural Numbers

The **natural numbers** (*numeri naturali*) are the standard version of numbers in maths, used for counting and ordering. Formally, the set of natural numbers \mathbb{N} is defined as:

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$$
 (sometimes including 0 depending on context).

They are characterized by their discrete, non-negative integer values and form the foundation for number theory and arithmetic.

Formal Definition (Peano Axioms) The properties of natural numbers are axiomatically defined by the **Peano axioms** (assiomi di Peano):

- 1. 1 (or 0) is a natural number.
- 2. Every natural number n has a unique successor S(n), which is also a natural number.
- 3. 1 (or 0) is not the successor of any natural number.
- 4. Distinct natural numbers have distinct successors: $S(m) = S(n) \implies m = n$
- 5. **Induction**: If a property holds for 1 (or 0) and holds for S(n) whenever it holds for n, then it holds for all natural numbers.

Key Properties

- Closure under addition and multiplication: For all $a,b\in\mathbb{N}$, $a+b\in\mathbb{N}$ and $a\cdot b\in\mathbb{N}$.
- Non-closure under subtraction and division: Subtraction a-b or division a/b may not result in a natural number.
- Well-ordering principle (principio del buon ordinamento): Every non-empty subset of $\mathbb N$ has a least element.
- Infinite cardinality: \mathbb{N} is countably infinite.

Number Theory Natural numbers are central to number theory, which studies:

 Prime numbers (numeri primi): Natural numbers > 1 with no divisors other than 1 and themselves:

$$\mathbb{P} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \ldots\}.$$

- 2. **Divisibility**: A number a divides b ($a \mid b$) if $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $b = a \cdot k$.
- 3. **Mathematical induction** (*induzione matematica*): A proof technique leveraging the Peano axioms.
- 4. **Modular arithmetic** (aritmetica modulare): Operations on residues modulo n, e.g., $7 \equiv 2 \mod 5$.

Whole Numbers

Whole Numbers (numeri interi non negativi) are an extension of the natural numbers that include zero, forming the set $\mathbb{W}=\{0,1,2,3,\ldots\}$. They are used for counting discrete objects and represent non-negative integers without fractions or decimals.

Formal Definition The set \mathbb{W} satisfies the **Peano axioms** (assiomi di Peano) with zero as the base element:

- 0 is a whole number.
- Every whole number n has a unique successor $S(n) \in \mathbb{W}$.
- ullet 0 is not the successor of any whole number.
- Distinct numbers have distinct successors: $S(a) = S(b) \implies a = b$.
- **Induction**: If a property holds for 0 and for S(n) whenever it holds for n, it holds for all \mathbb{W} .

Key Properties

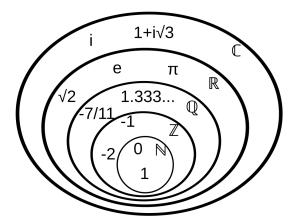
- Closure under addition and multiplication: For $a,b\in \mathbb{W},\ a+b\in \mathbb{W}$ and $a\cdot b\in \mathbb{W}.$
- Non-closure under subtraction: $a b \in \mathbb{W}$ only if $a \ge b$.
- Additive identity: 0 + a = a for all $a \in \mathbb{W}$.
- Well-ordering principle (principio del buon ordinamento): Every non-empty subset of \mathbb{W} has a least element.

Representation Whole numbers are represented in numeral systems such as:

- **Decimal**: 0, 1, 2, . . .
- Binary: $0_2 = 0_{10}, 1_2 = 1_{10}, 10_2 = 2_{10}$
- Unary: 0 (often represented as an absence of marks), |=1, ||=2.

Differences from Natural Numbers Unlike natural numbers (numeri naturali), which sometimes exclude zero, whole numbers explicitly include 0. This makes \mathbb{W} the set $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ in contexts where natural numbers start at 1.

Below, is a image of all the relevant groups of numbers and how they are related. Not all of them have been stated in this point in the notes, but they are all relevant for analysis 1



Trigonometric Functions

Trigonometric Functions (funzioni trigonometriche) are periodic functions that relate angles in a right triangle or on the unit circle to ratios of side lengths. The primary trigonometric functions are sine (\sin) , cosine (\cos) , tangent (\tan) , and their reciprocals: cosecant (\csc) , secant (\sec) , and cotangent (\cot) .

Formal Definition (Unit Circle) For an angle θ measured counterclockwise from the positive x-axis on the unit circle ($x^2 + y^2 = 1$):

$$\sin \theta = y$$
, $\cos \theta = x$, $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ $(x \neq 0)$.

The reciprocals are defined as:

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}, \quad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}, \quad \cot \theta = \frac{x}{y} \quad (y \neq 0).$$

Key Properties

- **Periodicity** (*periodicità*): $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ have period 2π ; $\tan \theta$ and $\cot \theta$ have period π .
- Range:

$$\sin \theta, \cos \theta \in [-1, 1]; \quad \tan \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$
 (excluding asymptotes).

• **Parity**: $\sin \theta$ and $\tan \theta$ are odd functions; $\cos \theta$ is even:

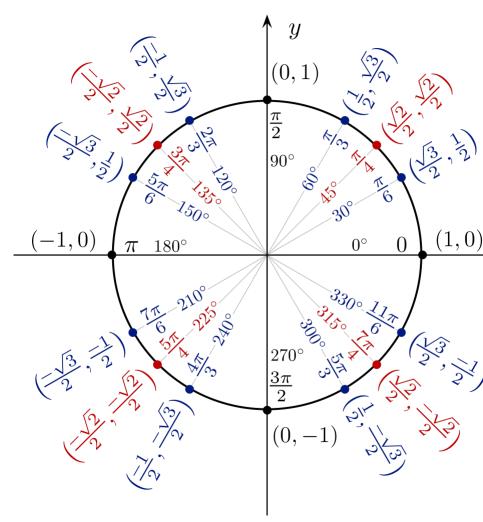
$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin\theta, \quad \cos(-\theta) = \cos\theta.$$

• Pythagorean Identity (identità pitagorica):

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1.$$

Differences from Other Functions Unlike polynomial or exponential functions, trigonometric functions:

- Are periodic and bounded (except $\tan \theta$ and $\cot \theta$).
- Model oscillatory behavior (e.g., waves, circular motion).
- Require angular input (radians or degrees) rather than purely scalar quantities.



Unit Circle For Reference:

Complex Numbers introduction

The largest domain covered in these notes: \mathbb{C} . Complex numbers are an extension of real numbers, defined by the imaginary number i With this strange property where

 $i^2=-1$. They are used to resolve polynomial equations unsolvable in real numbers, as shown in the fundamental theorem of algebra (Might need a section on this). Below is a complex number with iy as the imaginary component and ${\sf x}$ as the real component.

$$z = x + iy \tag{1}$$

Imagine $\mathbb R$ covering the whole x axis, and $\mathbb C$ covering the whole y axis, that's the complex plane.

Operations

Addition

$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$$
(2)

Subtraction

$$z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + i(y_1 - y_2)$$
(3)

Multiplication

$$z_1 z_2 = (x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + i(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)$$
(4)

Complex Conjugate

$$\bar{z} = x - iy \tag{5}$$

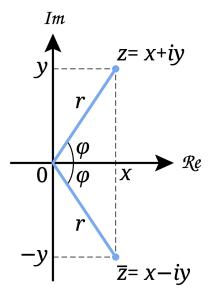
Modulus

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \tag{6}$$

Inverse

$$z^{-1} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2} = \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2} \tag{7}$$

A image of the $\mathbb C$ plane for reference, showing the inverse modulus as well:



Polar Coordinates

Sums and Sequences

"La situazione è grave ma non è seria."

Limits

How its represented. Any sequence that converges to a limit is represented as:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = L$$

Where $\{a_n\}$ is the sequence.

Formal Definition.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = L \quad \iff \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \ \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \ \forall n \ge N, \ |a_n - L| < \varepsilon$$

"For every positive number, there exists a natural number such that, for all integers, the distance between and L is less than ϵ ."

Sequence

Definition: A sequence/sucession is simply a list of $\mathbb N$ while following a set of rules defined by a function. The function then maps each $\mathbb N$ to a corresponding $\mathbb R$ following the rules defined by the function.

Representation: It is often shown as a random letter (this case a) a_n with n representing the number of the term.

The first term, a_1 is called the initial term (termine iniziale)

The terms after the first, a_{1+n} is called the recursive formula (formula ricorsiva)

Types: There are 2 specific categories which will be covered in more detail. 1. Whether its bounded (limitata) or unbounded (illimitata). 2. Whether its convergent (convergente), divergent (divergente) or oscillatory (oscillante).

Bounded Successions (Successioni Limitate)

Definition: A bounded sequence (successione limitata), is a sequence a_n that exists within a range such that if $b \in \mathbb{R}$, b is greater than a_n , and there exists $c \in \mathbb{R}$ that is less than a_n , it is a bounded sequence. A bounded sequence is may suggest convergences and can be proven by using the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem.

Intervals:

Open Interval

$$(a,b) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R} | a < x < b \}$$

A open interval includes all $\mathbb R$ numbers between a and b, excluding the endpoints. Represented by a () and <

Closed Interval

$$[a,b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} | a \le x \le b\}$$

A closed interval includes all $\mathbb R$ numbers between a and b, including the endpoints. Represented by a [] and \leq .

Empty Interval Denoted as \emptyset , it contains no numbers.

Degenerate Interval A single point, $[a,a]=\{a\}$. By technicality it is always closed.

Half Intervals It is possible to have intervals which are open at one end and closed at the other, and vice versa. e.g

$$(a, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} | a < x \le b\}$$

Infinite Intervals There are also intervals which are infinite on one side and open or closed on the other. e.g

$$(a, +\infty) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} | a < x\}$$

The infinite can be negative as well on the other side. (Not sure if the infinite has to be in a open interval, because I have not seen any which are not in a open interval)

Types of bounds:

Upper bound: If a upper bound exists we call it bounded from above.

Lower bound: If a lower bound exists we call it bounded from below. If both upper and lower bound exist the set is bounded.

Bound properties: There can be multiple upper and lower bound (As clearly shown in the diagram below).

Supremum and Infimum The supremum and infimum can only exist for a interval with at least one open point. Its the smallest possible upper bound (If its a supremum) or the largest possible lower bound (If its a infimum). It can NEVER reach the interval. The Supermum can be written as supM and the Infium can be written as infM

Minimum and Maximum For a Minimum or a Maximum you must have at least one closed interval point. (as shown in the diagram below). The minimum or maximum is the point a or b that hold the interval.

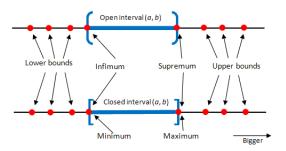


Diagram of open and closed sequences:

Monotone Sequences

Definition: A sequence that is monotone is either non-decreasing or non-increasing. Therefore, by extention a constant sequence is simultaneously non-decreasing and non-increasing. Therefore it is monotone. The strictly increasing/decreasing are simply subsets.

Growth of Sequences:

Non-decreasing sequence (successioni crescenti): Is a sequence that increases if each term is greater than or equal to the previous term:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} \geq a_n$$

Non-increasing sequences (successioni decrescenti): Is a sequence that it decreases if each term is less than or equal to the previous term.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} \le a_n$$

Strictly increasing sequences (successioni strettamente crescenti): Is a sequence that strictly increasing if each term is strictly greater than the previous term.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} > a_n$$

Strictly decreasing sequences (successioni strettamente decrescenti): Is a sequence that strictly decreasing if each term is strictly less than the previous term.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} < a_n$$

Convergent Sequences

Cauchy Sequences

Napier's Constant (Costante di Nepero)

This may also be known as e or exponential or exp. It has 3 separate definitions: Limit, Series, and integral. However I will only do the explanation for limit definition here. The integral explanation will be done in the integral chapter.

A proof of the monotonicity of Euler's number is classed as (200.15.07.08)

Limit Definition:

$$e = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \tag{8}$$

Base of the Natural Logarithm $\ e$ is the base of the natural logarithm, denoted as $\ln(x)$.

Approximate Value $e \approx 2.71828$.

Irrational Number e cannot be expressed as a ratio of two integers.

Transcendental Number e is not a root of any non-zero polynomial with rational coefficients.

Limit Definition

$$e = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

Euler's Identity

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$

Connecting e, imaginary numbers, and π

Complex Exponential (l'esponenziale Complesso)

The complex exponential function denoted as e^z or $\exp(z)$. The vast majority of definitions of complex exponential are the exact same as the regular exponential function. Including the proof of their equivalence. There are several ways to define a complex exponential function, and I will list them below.

Power series expansion

$$e^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

Limit Definition

$$e^z = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{z}{n} \right)^n$$

Additive Property (Kinda definition)

$$e^{w+z} = e^w e^z$$

Complex log

$$log(e^z) = \{z + 2\pi i k | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}\$$

Key Properties

Non zero $\frac{1}{e^z}=e^{-z}$ and e^z does not equal zero for all C

Periodic

$$e^{z+2\pi} = e^z$$

Identita di Euler For $e^{i\theta} = cos\theta + i * sin\theta$

$$e^{i\pi} = -1$$

 ${\bf Conjugate} \quad \overline{e^z} = e^{\overline{z}}$

 $\mathbf{Modulus} \quad |e^z| = e^{\mathbb{R}(z)}$

Handling Infinity

Limit Superior

For a sequence (a_n) , the limit superior which is written as

$$limsup_{n\to\infty}a_n$$

is the supremum of all the accumulation points (cluster points) of the sequence. For example if a sequence diverges to infinity its only accumulation point is infinity therefore

$$limsup_{n\to\infty}a_n=\infty$$

The main diffrence between the supremum is that the supremum

Lets say we have a sequence (a_n) which is given by $a_n = n$, the limit superior of (a_n) is the largest accumulation value of (a_n) . Whether it is improper or proper accumulation value. It is represented as:

$$a = lim sup_{n \to \infty} a_n$$

The difference between the limit superior and superior is that the limit superior is ALWAYS smaller than the

Limit Inferior The limit inferior of (a_n) is the smallest improper accumulation value of (a_n) , and its represented by the notation

$$a = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n$$

Accumulation Values and Divergence A value $a \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty, -\infty\}$ is called a accumulation value of a_n , if there exists a sub sequence a_{n_k} of a_n such that the limit $k \to \infty | a_{n_k} = a$

For improper cases:

 $+\infty$ is a accumilation value if the sequences is unbounded above, meaning for every MER infinit

Improper accumulation values Any sequence that has no accumulation values has at least one improper accumulation value

Exact Successions

Bolzano Vistras Theorem

Formal Definition: 1. In $\mathbb R$ every bounded sequence of real numbers contains a convergent subsequence

2. In \mathbb{R}^n ever bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence

Proof: The proof can be found at 200.20.05.10

Theorem of Zero

Trigonometric Functions and π

Exponential Properties

Below are some old section from a scrapped chapter. Will probably be useful here

Exponential Properties

For a > 0, b > 0, and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$a^{x}a^{y} = a^{x+y}$$

$$\frac{a^{x}}{a^{y}} = a^{x-y}$$

$$(a^{x})^{y} = a^{xy}$$

$$a^{0} = 1$$

$$a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^{x}}$$

$$(ab)^{x} = a^{x}b^{x}$$

$$(\frac{a}{b})^{x} = \frac{a^{x}}{b^{x}}$$

Def of Logarithms

For
$$a > 0$$
 ($a \neq 1$), $b > 0$:

$$\log_a b = x \iff a^x = b$$

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

$$\log_a a = 1$$

$$a^{\log_a b} = b$$

Logarithm Properties

For
$$a > 0$$
 $(a \neq 1)$, $x, y > 0$, $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

$$\log_a \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$$

$$\log_a(x^k) = k \log_a x$$

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

Change of Base

For
$$a, b > 0$$
 $(a, b \neq 1)$, $c > 0$:

$$\log_a c = \frac{\log_b c}{\log_b a}$$

Special case: $\log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$

Natural Exponential and Logarithm

$$e^x = \exp(x)$$

$$\ln x = \log_e x$$

$$e^{\ln x} = x \text{ for } x > 0$$

$$\ln(e^x) = x \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Exponential-Logarithmic Equations

Key solving techniques:

If
$$a^x = a^y$$
 then $x = y$

If
$$\log_a x = \log_a y$$
 then $x = y$

To solve $a^{f(x)} = b$: take logarithms of both sides

To solve
$$\log_a f(x) = b$$
: rewrite as $f(x) = a^b$

Complex Polynomials

Series

Binomial Theorem

The proof for binomial theorem which are in the book are classed as: (300.10.03.02) & (300.10.03.02)

Post-Derivatives

Derivatives

"The Difference Between the Almost Right Word and the Right Word Is Really a Large Matter—'Tis the Difference Between the Lightning Bug and the Lightning" - Mark Twain

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \tag{9}$$

Methods for Differentiation

Product rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[f(x)g(x)\right] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x) \tag{10}$$

Quotient Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2} \tag{11}$$

Chain Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(g(x)) = f'(g(x))g'(x) \tag{12}$$

Integrals

"If you're gonna shoot an elephant Mr. Schneider, you better be prepared to finish the job."

— Gary Larson, The Far Side

Riemann Integral

A Riemann integral is the the limit $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$ of all the Riemann sums between the points a and b. Defined as:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \lim_{||P|| \to 0} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(c_i) \Delta x_i$$

Where:

n is the sub-intervals

 Δx_i is the width of the i sub-interval

 c_i is a sample point

*this exact definition will likely never be used in

Properties,

Linearity:
$$\int_a^b \left(\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)\right) dx = \alpha \int_a^b f(x) \, dx + \beta \int_a^b g(x) \, dx$$

Additivity:
$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = \int_a^c f(x) \, dx + \int_c^b f(x) \, dx \quad \text{for } c \in (a, b)$$

Monotonicity:
$$f(x) \le g(x) \ \forall x \in [a,b] \implies \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \le \int_a^b g(x) \, dx$$

$$\text{Bounds:}\quad m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f(x)\,dx \leq M(b-a) \quad \text{ where } m = \inf_{[a,b]} f, \ M = \sup_{[a,b]} f$$

Integrability: f is Riemann integrable $\iff f$ bounded $\land f$ continuous a.e. on [a,b]

Fundamental Theorem:
$$F'=f \implies \int_a^b f(x)\,dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Fundamental theorem of calculus

Methods for integration

Substitution, if u = f(x), then du = g'(x)dx

$$\int f(g(x))g'(x)dx = \int f(u)du \tag{13}$$

Integration by parts

$$\int udv = uv - \int vdu \tag{14}$$

Product rule

(15)

Chain Rule

Lebiz rule for differentiation. If f(t) is continuous and g(x) is differentiable

$$f(x) = \int_{a}^{g(x)} f(t)dt$$

If this is true, then:

$$F(x)' = f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \tag{16}$$

If both the limits are dependent on x:

$$I(x) = \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(t)dt$$

then:

$$I'(x) = f(g_2(x)) g_2'(x) - f(g_1(x)) g_1'(x)$$
(17)

Limit under a derviative

Differential Equations

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat.

ODEs and PDEs

Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs) are a differential equation which has a single variable. ODEs have a general form:

$$F\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \dots, \frac{d^ny}{dx^n}\right) = 0$$
(18)

where

- x independent
- y dependent

Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) are a Differential equation which has multiple independent variables. Instead of using the standard d, they use partial derivatives (∂) to show the change with respect for multiple variables. The general form is:

$$F\left(x, y, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \dots\right) = 0$$
 (19)

where

- x,y independent
- u(x,y) dependent

Fundamentally image a ODE as a means to track a single car, while PDE track all the traffic in the city.

Types of ODEs

ODEs are usually classified by 2 primary things. their order, aka the degree of their derivative, and by whether they are linear or non-linear.

First order ODEs are pretty self explanatory, they involve only the 1st derivative. Here is a basic first order ODE:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x \tag{20}$$

Second order ODEs involve UP to the 2nd derivative. Here is a example:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0 (21)$$

Higher order ODEs involve everything 3rd derivative or higher. It is unlikely to ever appear in a 1st year analisis exam, but you never know.

Liniar and Non-liniear ODEs. An ODE is linear if the dependent variable and the derivatives are in a linear form. Basically: they are not multiplied together. Anything else is considered non-liniear. A linear ODE can be written in the form:

$$a_n(x)\frac{d^ny}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = f(x)$$
 (22)

- a(x) is a function of x

Here are some basic examples. We will go in much more detail when solving ODEs.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x$$
, and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = sinx$

Ineed to learn better formating:)

A non-linear ODE is any ordinary differential equation that cannot be written in the linear form shown earlier. This is because the dependent variable or its derivatives are not linear. I will cover this more later on in the chapter.

The weird classifications of ODEs

A Homogeneous ODE, is a differential equation where L is a linear differential operator.

$$L[y] = 0$$

A Non-Homogeneous ODE, is a differential equation where $f(x) \neq 0$

$$L[y] = f(x)$$

A Autonomous ODE, is a differential equation where the independent variable (usually x or t) does not appear in the equation.

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = F\left(y, y', ..., y^{(n-1)}\right)$$

A Non-Autonomous ODE, is a differential equation if the independent variable appears eq (1).

*You can use multiple types at once, just use common sense to make sure its right

Basic existence

Dealing with ODEs

Separable ODE, can be written as

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

Divide both sides by g(y), and multiply both sides by dx

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

Integrate both sides, make sure to keep the constant on the RHS

$$\int \frac{dy}{g(y)} = \int f(x)dx$$

Integrating Method. Format the equation to fit the following before using the method

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

Find the function $\mu(x)$ that will help simplify the problem. (Symplify as much as possible here it will help a lot later on)

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x)dx}$$

Multiply every term by the function $\mu(x)$ and using the product rule calculate the derivative of the LHS

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\mu(x)y) = \mu(x)Q(x)$$

Integrate both sides, remember the constant!

$$y = \frac{1}{\mu(x)} \int \mu(x)Q(x)dx + C$$

Quick note on integrating factor. A integrating factor is the method used to solve derivative equation above. The $\mu(x)$ also called the integrating factor, works for any, first-order linear differential equations. A function is derived by multiplying the equation with $\mu(x)$, which makes the left-hand side a derivative of $\mu(x)$ y.

Exact Method If a DE is exact, which can be found if it is in this form

$$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$$

After this, calculate the partial derivative of M in respect to y and the partial derivative of N with respect to x. If these are equivalent the DE is exact.

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Lets make a function that we will call Ψ such that, $\Psi_x = M(x,y)$ and $\Psi_y = N(x,y)$

Therefore we can write this now as

$$\Psi_x + \Psi_y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

we can start to find this function Ψ . So we will start to integrate M with respect to x. (h(y) is a function of y)

$$\Psi(x,y) = \int Mdx + h(y)$$

We can now differentiate Ψ with respect to y

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\int M dx \right) + h'(y) = N$$

Solve the integral for h(y)

Types of Problems

Initial Value Problem

Generally, IVPs are a DE and a <u>initial condition</u> or condition's which when used in unison they can be used to solve a function, that will also fit the DE. The steps are pretty straight forward.

1. Solve the DE

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

2. Use the initial condition, lets say that $y(x_0) = y_0$

$$y_0 = \int f(x_0)dx + C$$

Where C is:

$$C = y_0 - V$$

*V is the value of the integral at x_0 , therefore if we replace C, the final answer is

$$y(x) = \int f(x)dx + (y_0 - V)$$

Proving existence and uniqueness

Theorem Definition: If f(x,y) and the partial derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous in:

$$D = \{(x, y) | |x - x_0| \le a, |y - y_0| \le b\}$$

around the point (x_0, y_0) therefore, there exits a interval between x and x_0 where there is at least one solution of y(x). And it proves that this solution is unique on the interval.

Steps: Write the ODE in standard form, aka:

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

use intuition to check that the function f is continuous between the points you want. Then if there are any points where the function is non continuous, then be sure to mark it such that it is clear, using $\leq \geq > <$. This is the first rule.

Now, do a partial derivative of y such that:

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

Remember to treat x as a constant in this case!!!

If the result is continuous in D between x and x_0 then this proves that there is at least a solution.

Interpreting answers

Interval of validity for Linear DE. The interval of validity for a Linear DE is largest around x_0 where p(x) and q(x) are continuous. Make sure to exclude discontinuities.

Interval of validity for Non-Linear DE, Solutions may be exponential to infinity or become undefined despite f(x,y) being smooth. Therefore check all the points where the solution becomes undefined. Extend the interval on both sides of x_0 till it is no longer possible.

Interpreting answers

(this whole section is a bit useless, I may remove it if I don't find any use for it son)

Explicit Solution, is when the dependent variable is isolated and in terms of the independent variable. e.g

$$y = x^2 + C$$

(soluzione esplicita)

Implicit Solution, is when the dependent variable is not explicitly isolated from the independent. e.g

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

(soluzione implicita)

General Solution, is the solution containing all the possible solutions for the differential equation, ie it keeps the constants, its the trivial form. (soluzione generale)

Particular Solution, is the solution which is a specific solution by locking the constants by using the initial conditions, ie the C has a fixed value. (soluzione particolare)

Equilibrium Solution, is a solution which is constant because the dependent variable does not change and therefore the derivative is zero. (soluzione di equilibrio)

Parametric Solution, is a solution represented using a parameter like (t,u,z...) instead of using x and y. eg.

$$y(t) = \sqrt{t^2 + C}$$

(soluzione parametrica)

Second Order Equations— temporary latex code which isnt my own for the exam

Solving Second-Order Differential Equations

A second-order differential equation has the general form:

$$F(y'', y', y, x) = 0$$

Below are methods for solving linear and nonlinear cases.

1. Linear Homogeneous Equations with Constant Coefficients General form:

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad (a \neq 0)$$

Solution procedure:

1. Solve the characteristic equation:

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

2. Case analysis for roots r_1, r_2 :

• Distinct real roots: If $r_1 \neq r_2$,

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{r_1 x} + C_2 e^{r_2 x}$$

• Repeated real root: If $r_1 = r_2 = r$,

$$y(x) = (C_1 + C_2 x)e^{rx}$$

ullet Complex conjugate roots: If $r=\alpha\pm ieta$,

$$y(x) = e^{\alpha x} \left[C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) \right]$$

2. Linear Nonhomogeneous Equations General form:

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = q(x)$$

Method 1: Undetermined Coefficients

- 1. Find the complementary solution y_c (solve the homogeneous equation).
- 2. Assume a particular solution y_p based on g(x) (e.g., $g(x)=e^{kx} \Rightarrow y_p=Ae^{kx}$).
- 3. If g(x) matches part of y_c , multiply y_p by x (or x^n for repeated roots).
- 4. Substitute y_p into the DE and solve for coefficients.
- 5. General solution: $y = y_c + y_p$.

Method 2: Variation of Parameters

- 1. Find $y_c = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$.
- 2. Compute the Wronskian:

$$W = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2$$

3. Particular solution:

$$y_p = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 g(x)}{W} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g(x)}{W} dx$$

4. General solution: $y = y_c + y_p$.

3. Cauchy-Euler Equations General form:

$$x^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0$$

Solution steps:

1. Assume $y = x^r$. Substitute to get:

$$r^2 + (b-1)r + c = 0$$

- 2. Solve for r. The solution mirrors constant-coefficient cases:
 - Real distinct roots: $y = C_1 x^{r_1} + C_2 x^{r_2}$
 - Repeated root: $y = x^r(C_1 + C_2 \ln x)$
 - Complex roots $r = \alpha \pm i\beta$: $y = x^{\alpha} \left[C_1 \cos(\beta \ln x) + C_2 \sin(\beta \ln x) \right]$

4. Reduction of Order When one solution y_1 is known:

- 1. Let $y_2 = v(x)y_1$.
- 2. Substitute y_2 into the DE and solve for v(x).
- 3. The second solution is $y_2=y_1\int rac{e^{-\int p(x)\;dx}}{y_1^2}\;dx.$

Special cases:

- Equation missing y: Let p = y', reducing to p' = f(x, p).
- Equation missing x: Let p=y', then $y''=p\frac{dp}{dy}$, reducing to $p\frac{dp}{dy}=f(y,p)$.

5. Series Solutions Near Ordinary Points For P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0 with ordinary point at x_0 :

- 1. Assume $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x x_0)^n$.
- 2. Substitute into DE and equate coefficients of like powers.
- 3. Derive a recurrence relation for a_n .

6. Laplace Transform for Initial Value Problems Procedure:

1. Take Laplace transform of the DE:

$$\mathcal{L}{y''} + a\mathcal{L}{y'} + b\mathcal{L}{y} = \mathcal{L}{g(x)}$$

2. Use:

$$\mathcal{L}{y'} = sY(s) - y(0), \quad \mathcal{L}{y''} = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)$$

3. Solve for Y(s), then compute $y(x) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\}.$

Nonlinear Second-Order DEs No universal method exists. Common approaches:

- Substitutions to reduce order (e.g., p = y')
- Exact equations (identify integrable combinations)
- Numerical methods (e.g., Runge-Kutta)

Homogeneous Equations with constant coefficients have the general form:

$$y'' + ay' + by = 0$$

Non-homogeneous Equations: Method of Undetermined Coefficients

Finished

Nth order Differential Equation

0.0.1 Solving *n*-th Order Differential Equations

Linear Homogeneous Equations with Constant Coefficients Consider the equation:

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$$

Solution Steps:

1. Form characteristic equation:

$$a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 r + a_0 = 0$$

- 2. Find roots r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_n
- 3. Construct general solution:
 - Distinct real roots:

$$y_h = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i e^{r_i x}$$

• Repeated real root r with multiplicity k:

$$e^{rx}\left(C_1+C_2x+\cdots+C_kx^{k-1}\right)$$

• Complex conjugate pairs $\alpha \pm \beta i$:

$$e^{\alpha x} \left[C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) \right]$$

For repeated pairs (multiplicity m):

$$x^{m-1}e^{\alpha x} \left[C_1 \cos(\beta x) + C_2 \sin(\beta x) \right]$$

Linear Nonhomogeneous Equations For equations:

$$a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = g(x)$$

General Solution:

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

where $y_h =$ homogeneous solution, $y_p =$ particular solution.

Method of Undetermined Coefficients Use when g(x) is polynomial, exponential, sine, cosine, or combinations:

- 1. Assume y_p with same form as g(x)
- 2. If any term matches y_h , multiply by x^s (s = smallest integer eliminating duplication)
- 3. Substitute y_p into DE and solve for coefficients

Variation of Parameters General method for arbitrary g(x):

- 1. Find fundamental set $\{y_1, \ldots, y_n\}$ from y_h
- 2. Compute Wronskian:

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

- 3. Find $u_i' = \frac{W_i}{W}$ where $W_i = \text{Wronskian with } i\text{-th column replaced by } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ g(x) \end{bmatrix}$
- 4. Integrate to get u_i , then:

$$y_p = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i y_i$$

 $\mbox{Variable Coefficient Equations} \quad \mbox{For } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + P_0(x) y = Q(x) \colon \mbox{Supplies of } y^{(n)} + P_{n-1}(x) y^{(n)}$

Reduction of Order If solution y_1 is known, let:

$$y = y_1 \int v(x) dx$$

Substitute to reduce equation order by 1.

Cauchy-Euler Equations Form: $x^n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_0 y = 0$

- 1. Assume solution $y = x^m$
- 2. Substitute to get characteristic equation:

$$m(m-1)\cdots(m-n+1) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k m(m-1)\cdots(m-k+1) = 0$$

3. Handle roots as with constant coefficient equations

Nonlinear Equations

Order Reduction Techniques

- Missing y: Let v = y', reduces order by 1
- \bullet $\it Missing x: Let $v=y'$, then $y''=v\frac{dv}{dy}$, reduces to 1st order in $v$$

Exact Equations If equation can be written as:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\text{Lower order expression} \right] = 0$$

Integrate successively to solve.

Integrating Factors Find $\mu(x)$ or $\mu(y)$ such that:

$$\mu(x)M(x,y)dx + \mu(x)N(x,y)dy = 0$$

becomes exact.

Special Forms

- Bernoulli: $y' + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$, use $z = y^{1-n}$
- Riccati: $y' = P(x)y^2 + Q(x)y + R(x)$, use $y = y_1 + \frac{1}{v}$ if particular solution y_1 known

Systems of Differential Equations

Solving Systems of Differential Equations

Linear Systems with Constant Coefficients For the system $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ where A is an $n \times n$ constant matrix:

Solution Method:

1. Find eigenvalues λ by solving:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

2. **Find eigenvectors** ξ for each eigenvalue by solving:

$$(A - \lambda I)\xi = 0$$

- 3. Construct general solution:
 - Real distinct eigenvalues:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i e^{\lambda_i t} \xi_i$$

• Complex eigenvalues $\alpha \pm \beta i$:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = C_1 e^{\alpha t} [\mathbf{a} \cos(\beta t) - \mathbf{b} \sin(\beta t)] + C_2 e^{\alpha t} [\mathbf{a} \sin(\beta t) + \mathbf{b} \cos(\beta t)]$$

where $\mathbf{a} + i\mathbf{b}$ is the complex eigenvector

- Repeated eigenvalues:
 - If geometric multiplicity = algebraic multiplicity: proceed as distinct eigenvalues
 - If deficient eigenvectors: use generalized eigenvectors

Nonhomogeneous Systems For $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}(t)$: General Solution:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_h(t) + \mathbf{x}_p(t)$$

Variation of Parameters

- 1. Find fundamental matrix $\Phi(t)$ from homogeneous solutions
- 2. Compute particular solution:

$$\mathbf{x}_p(t) = \Phi(t) \int \Phi^{-1}(t)\mathbf{g}(t)dt$$

Method of Undetermined Coefficients Use when $\mathbf{g}(t)$ contains polynomials, exponentials, or trigonometric functions:

- 1. Assume \mathbf{x}_p with same form as $\mathbf{g}(t)$
- 2. Adjust for resonance if any term matches homogeneous solution
- 3. Substitute and solve for coefficients

Matrix Exponential Method For x' = Ax:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{At}\mathbf{x}_0$$

where e^{At} can be computed via:

- \bullet Diagonalization: $A=PDP^{-1}\Rightarrow e^{At}=Pe^{Dt}P^{-1}$
- Jordan form for defective matrices
- Taylor series expansion for simple cases

Nonlinear Systems

Linearization Near Critical Points

- 1. Find equilibrium points \mathbf{x}_0 where $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0) = 0$
- 2. Compute Jacobian matrix:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{x}_0}$$

3. Analyze eigenvalues of J to determine stability

Phase Plane Analysis (2D Systems)

- Classify critical points: node, spiral, saddle, center
- Use nullclines and direction fields
- Lyapunov functions for stability (when applicable)

Conversion to First-Order Systems Any n-th order DE can be converted to a system:

- 1. Let $x_1 = y$, $x_2 = y'$, ..., $x_n = y^{(n-1)}$
- 2. Create system:

$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = x_2 \\ x'_2 = x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x'_n = F(t, x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$

Important Special Cases

Coupled Oscillators

$$\begin{cases}
m_1 x_1'' = -k_1 x_1 + k_2 (x_2 - x_1) \\
m_2 x_2'' = -k_2 (x_2 - x_1)
\end{cases}$$

Solve by diagonalizing the coefficient matrix

Competing Species Model

$$\begin{cases} x' = x(a - by) \\ y' = y(c - dx) \end{cases}$$

Analyze using linearization and phase plane methods

Special theorems and Problems

Picard-Lindelöf theorem

Picard-Lindelöf Theorem (Existence & Uniqueness)

Theorem Statement Consider the initial value problem (IVP):

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = f(t, y(t)) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

where $f:D\subset\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}^n.$ If:

- f is **continuous** in t on rectangle $R = [t_0 a, t_0 + a] \times \overline{B}(y_0, b)$
- f is **Lipschitz continuous** in y:

$$\exists L > 0 \text{ s.t. } ||f(t,y_1) - f(t,y_2)|| \le L||y_1 - y_2||, \ \forall (t,y_1), (t,y_2) \in R$$

Then $\exists \tau > 0$ such that the IVP has a **unique solution** y(t) on $[t_0 - \tau, t_0 + \tau]$.

Proof Outline (Method of Successive Approximations)

1. Reformulate IVP as integral equation:

$$y(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t} f(s, y(s)) ds$$

2. Define Picard iterations:

$$y_{n+1}(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y_n(s)) ds$$

Starting with $y_0(t) \equiv y_0$

- 3. Show $\{y_n\}$ converges uniformly to solution y:
 - Use Lipschitz condition to prove $\|y_{n+1}-y_n\| \leq \frac{M}{L} \frac{(L|t-t_0|)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$
 - Apply Banach fixed-point theorem in complete metric space

Implementation Steps To apply the theorem:

1. Verify continuity of f(t, y) in t

2. Check Lipschitz condition in y:

ullet If $rac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ exists and bounded \Rightarrow Lipschitz

• For scalar case: $|f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2)| \le L|y_1 - y_2|$

3. Determine existence interval $au = \min\left(a, \frac{b}{M}\right)$ where:

$$M = \max_{(t,y)\in R} \|f(t,y)\|$$

Example Application For IVP y' = y, y(0) = 1:

• Picard iterations:

$$y_0(t) = 1$$

$$y_1(t) = 1 + \int_0^t y_0(s)ds = 1 + t$$

$$y_2(t) = 1 + \int_0^t (1+s)ds = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$y_n(t) = \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{t^k}{k!} \to e^t$$

Important Notes

• Local vs Global: Theorem guarantees local solution - need additional conditions for global existence

• Sharpness: τ estimate often conservative

• Failure Cases:

- f not Lipschitz \Rightarrow possible non-uniqueness (e.g., $y' = \sqrt{|y|}$)

- Discontinuous $f \Rightarrow$ solutions may not exist

Cauchy's Problem

Here we have a nth order ODE

$$y^{(n)}(t) = f\left(t, y, y',, y^{(n-1)}\right)$$

The Cauchy problem also known as the