

Reduction to integral equation

Let $p(x) = y'(x)$. From the ODE,

$$1 + p^2 - 2(1 - y)p' = 0 \implies p' = \frac{1 + p^2}{2(1 - y)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} p \frac{dp}{dy} &= \frac{1 + p^2}{2(1 - y)} \\ \implies \frac{dp}{dy} &= \frac{1 + p^2}{2(1 - y)p} \\ \implies \int_{p_0}^{p(y)} \frac{2s}{1 + s^2} ds &= \int_0^y \frac{dt}{1 - t}. \\ \ln \frac{1 + p(y)^2}{1 + p_0^2} &= -\ln(1 - y) \implies 1 + p(y)^2 = \frac{1 + p_0^2}{1 - y} \\ p(y) &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{p_0^2 + y}{1 - y}} \end{aligned}$$

(The negative root is taken becoz $y'(0) < 0$.)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dy} &= \frac{1}{p(y)} = -\sqrt{\frac{1 - y}{p_0^2 + y}} \\ x(1) - x(0) &= \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{dy} dy = - \int_0^1 \sqrt{\frac{1 - y}{p_0^2 + y}} dy \\ I(p_0) &:= \int_0^1 \sqrt{\frac{1 - y}{p_0^2 + y}} dy = 1 \end{aligned}$$