

# Differential Equations Tutorial 5

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# One Simplification

## Exact Differential Equations

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#### !Theorem-Proof

(b)  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \omega = P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$  is exact

We have

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

And substitute this equation into (11), it yields

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \int \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dx + \phi'(y) = \int \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx + \phi'(y)$$

The first integral term in RHS is  $Q$ .

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = Q + \phi'(y) \quad (12)$$

Figure: Here is a simplification.

# Existence & Uniqueness

Theorems of existence and uniqueness for first-order ODEs  
A rectangular region

$$R = \{(t, x) \mid a < t < b, \ c < x < d\}$$

in the  $tx$ -plane

- “locally”
- continuity implies the existence

# Existence & Uniqueness

In conclusion, suppose we know

1. The equation is in normal form  $y' = f(t, y)$ ,
2. The right-hand side  $f(t, y)$  and its derivative  $\partial f / \partial y$  are both continuous in the rectangle

$$R = \{(t, y) \mid a < t < b, c < y < d\},$$

3. The initial point  $(t_0, y_0)$  is in the rectangle  $R$ ,

we can get:

1. There is one and only one solution to the initial value problem,
2. The solution exists until the solution curve  $t \rightarrow (t, y(t))$  leaves the rectangle  $R$ .

# Example

## EXAMPLE 5 Solution Curves of an Autonomous DE

The autonomous equation  $dy/dx = (y - 1)^2$  possesses the single critical point 1. From the phase portrait in Figure 2.1.8(a) we conclude that a solution  $y(x)$  is an increasing function in the subregions defined by  $-\infty < y < 1$  and  $1 < y < \infty$ , where  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . For an initial condition  $y(0) = y_0 < 1$ , a solution  $y(x)$  is increasing and bounded above by 1, and so  $y(x) \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ; for  $y(0) = y_0 > 1$  a solution  $y(x)$  is increasing and unbounded.

Now  $y(x) = 1 - 1/(x + c)$  is a one-parameter family of solutions of the differential equation. (See Problem 4 in Exercises 2.2) A given initial condition determines a value for  $c$ . For the initial conditions, say,  $y(0) = -1 < 1$  and  $y(0) = 2 > 1$ , we find, in turn, that  $y(x) = 1 - 1/(x + \frac{1}{2})$ , and  $y(x) = 1 - 1/(x - 1)$ . As shown in Figures 2.1.8(b) and 2.1.8(c), the graph of each of these rational functions possesses

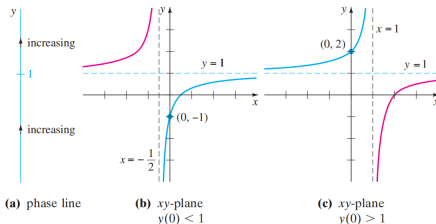


FIGURE 2.1.8 Behavior of solutions near  $y = 1$

Figure: Solution Curves and Phase Portrait.

# Autonomous System

## General Form

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Phase portraits can be studied geometrically without reference to  $t$ .  $\leftarrow$  "Autonomous"
- Equilibrium points: solutions where  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ .

## Example (2D)

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

This is an autonomous system since the right-hand sides depend only on  $x$  and  $y$ .

# Autonomous System

- Draw Phase Line & Draw solution curves
- Nonequilibrium solutions
- A point is **stable** if nearby solutions flow toward it.
- A point is **unstable** if nearby solutions flow away from it.
- **Stable:** • (filled dot), with arrows pointing inward. →  
Converge
- **Unstable:** ○ (hollow dot), with arrows pointing outward. →  
Diverge away
- Revisit:

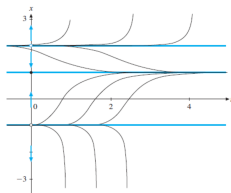


Figure: Equilibrium and Nonequilibrium Solutions



## Given a DE

- Directly Solve...
- e.g.

$$x \, dx + y \, dy = 0$$

- Question:  
Integral Curve vs Solution Curve
- BTW, “tricks”  
e.g.

$$y \cos(x + y) \, dx + (y \cos(x + y) + \sin(x + y)) \, dy = 0$$

# Continuing

- Check Exactness  $\Rightarrow$  Exact
- But we could apply

$$d(y \sin(x + y)) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y \sin(x + y) = C$$

- For some problems we do ask you to solve in a particular method.
- **Separable...**
- Some are quite obvious, some need to simplify
- Pay attention to trivial solutions and singular points

# Continuing

- First Order & Linear ... (★)
- Integrating factor or variation of parameters.
- Bernoulli ...  $\Rightarrow$  (★)
- Homogeneous ...  $\Rightarrow$  (★)

- Exact ...
- Non-Exact Made Exact ...
- How to Derive ??
- Example

$$xy \, dx + (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) \, dy = 0$$

Not exact. With the identifications  $P = xy$ ,  $Q = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20$ , we find the partial derivatives  $Q_x = 4x$  and  $P_y = x$ . Since

$$\frac{Q_x - P_y}{P} = \frac{4x - x}{xy} = \frac{3x}{xy} = \frac{3}{y}$$

depends only on  $y$ , suggesting an integrating factor  $\mu(y)$ .

# Continuing

$$\mu(y) = e^{\int \frac{3}{y} dy} = e^{3 \ln y} = y^3.$$

$$xy^4 dx + (2x^2y^3 + 3y^5 - 20y^3) dy = 0.$$

This equation is now exact. To solve it, we find a potential function  $F(x, y)$  such that:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = xy^4, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2x^2y^3 + 3y^5 - 20y^3.$$

Integrating  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = xy^4$  with respect to  $x$ , we get:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2y^4 + h(y).$$

Differentiate with respect to  $y$ :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2x^2y^3 + h'(y).$$

# Non-Exact Made Exact

Matching with given  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$ , we get:

$$h'(y) = 3y^5 - 20y^3 \Rightarrow h(y) = \frac{1}{2}y^6 - 5y^4.$$

Thus, the solution is:

$$\frac{1}{2}x^2y^4 + \frac{1}{2}y^6 - 5y^4 = C.$$

- Not Above ...
- Observing  
e.g. term  $e^{-y/x}$
- Modeling – Set DE (system/piece-wise)

# Schedule

- Midterm1
- Time Apr.20
- Coverage Week 1-7
- Type of Questions similar to assignment
- No Lecture & Tutorial Next Week

- Show steps if you want partial credit.
- Discuss case by case.
- Details are significant.



## Quiz 5-a

Consider the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)(x - 4).$$

- Sketch the phase line.
- Sketch all representative solution curves of the equation.
- State which of the equilibrium points are stable.

## Quiz 5-b

Consider the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (x - r)(x - 2)(x - 3),$$

where  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  is a real parameter.

- (a) For which values of  $r$  is the equilibrium point  $x = r$  stable?
- (b) For such a value of  $r$ , sketch the all typical solution curves  $x(t)$ .