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# Math 123: Notes

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## §1 Introduction

Consider  $\vec{y}' = \vec{f}(t, \vec{y})$  denoted as (1):

**Definition 1.1.** If  $\vec{f} = A(t) \cdot \vec{y}$  then (1) is linear and homogeneous.

**Definition 1.2.** If  $\vec{f} = A(t) \cdot \vec{y} + g(t)$  then (1) is linear and inhomogeneous.

## §2 Solution Techniques

### §2.1 Separation of Variables

Consider

$$y' = g(t)h(y)$$

Then:

$$\frac{y'}{h(y)} = g(t) \implies \int_{t_0}^t \frac{y'}{h(y)} dt = \int_{t_0}^t g(s) ds$$

Applying change of variables  $w = y$  then  $dw = y' dt$ :

$$\int_{y(t_0)}^{y(t_1)} \frac{dw}{h(w)} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} g(s) ds$$

### §2.2 Method of Integrating Factors

Consider where  $a, b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous:

$$y' = a(t)y + b(t)$$

We want to find  $I(t)$  such that  $(Iy)' = I(y' - a(t)y) = Ib(t)$ .

$$I(t)'y + I'(t)y = I(y' + a(t)y)$$

$$\implies I'y = -Ia(t)y$$

$$\implies (\ln(I(t)))' = -a(t)$$

$$\implies I(t) = e^{-\int_{t_0}^t a(s) ds}$$

$$\implies (Iy)' = I(t)b(t)$$

Integrating both sides:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{t_0}^t (Iy)' ds &= \int_{t_0}^t I(s)b(s)ds \implies I(t)y(t) - I(t_0)y(t_0) = \int_{t_0}^t I(s)b(s)ds \\ y(t) &= y(t_0)e^{\int_{t_0}^t a(s)ds} + \int_{t_0}^t e^{\int_s^t a(w)dw} b(s)ds\end{aligned}$$

Consider the following example:

$$y' = a(t)y + b(t)y^n$$

Dividing by  $y^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{y'}{y^n} &= a(t)y^{1-n} + b(t) \\ \implies (y^{-n+1})' &= (-n+1)y^{-n}y' \implies y^{-n}y' = \frac{1}{1-n}(y^{-n+1})' \\ \implies \frac{1}{1-n}(y^{-n+1})' &= a(t)y^{-n+1} + b(t)\end{aligned}$$

Set  $z = y^{-n+1}$  and proceed using method of integrating factor.

### §3 Gronwall's Inequality

#### Theorem 3.1

Let  $f, g$  be continuous functions on  $I = [a, b]$  where  $g \geq 0$ . Suppose  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and that  $f'(t) \leq g(t)f(t)$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$ . Then  $f(t) \leq f(a)e^{\int_a^t g(s)ds}$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $f'(t) - g(t)f(t) \leq 0$  for all  $t \in I$ . Let  $H = e^G$  where  $G = -\int_a^t g(s)ds$  then:

$$H(t)(f'(t) - g(t)f(t)) \leq 0$$

Using  $H' = -g(t)H(t)$ :

$$\implies (H(t)f(t))' \leq 0$$

**Claim 3.2** —  $(f(t)H(t))' \leq 0$

*Proof.* We know that  $f'H + fH' \leq 0$ . By definition  $H' = -gH$  therefore  $(fH)' = f'H - fgH = H(f' - fg) \leq 0$ . Integrating  $(fH)'$ :

$$\int_a^t (H(s)f(s))' ds \leq 0$$

By the Fundamental Thm of Calculus:

$$\begin{aligned}Hf - H(a)f(a) &\leq 0 \\ \implies f(t) &\leq H^{-1}f(a) \\ H(a) &= e^{\int_a^t g(s)ds} f(a)\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.3**

Let  $K > 0$  where  $K \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g$  are continuous on  $I$  such that  $f \leq K + \int_a^t f(s)g(s)ds$  for all  $t \in I$  where  $g \geq 0$ . Then  $f(t) \leq Ke^{\int_a^t g(s)ds}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U(t) = K^{-1} \int_a^t f(s)g(s)ds$  then  $U' = f(t)g(t)$ . Clearly:

$$U' \leq g(t) \left( K + \int_a^t f(s)g(s)ds \right) = g(t)U(t)$$

Using  $U(a) = K$  by Gronwall's inequality in Differential Form:

$$U(t) \leq Ke^{\int_a^t g(s)ds}$$

□

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**§4 Well-Posedness****Lemma 4.1**

Let  $f : R \rightarrow R$  where  $R = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [y_0 - b, y_0 + b]$ . If  $f$  is continuous on  $R$  and  $|\partial_y f(t, y)| \leq K$  for all  $(t, y) \in R$  then  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous with respect to  $y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $y_2 \geq y_1$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(t, y_2) - f(t, y_1)| &\leq \left| \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \partial_y f(t, \bar{y}) d\bar{y} \right| \\ &\leq \int_{y_1}^{y_2} |\partial_y f(t, \bar{y})| d\bar{y} \\ &\leq \int_{y_1}^{y_2} K d\bar{y} = K|y_2 - y_1| \end{aligned}$$

□

**§5 Picard-Lindelof Theorem****Theorem 5.1**

Consider the following initial value problem:

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

Let  $R = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [y_0 - b, y_0 + b]$ . Assume that:

- (1)  $f$  is continuous in  $t$  and  $y$  on  $R$ , with  $|f(t, y)| \leq M$  for any  $(t, y) \in R$ .
- (2)  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous with respect to  $y$  on  $R$ .

Then there exists an  $\alpha > 0$  and a solution  $\phi : I \rightarrow R$  of  $(**)$  where  $I = (t_0 - \alpha, t_0 + \alpha)$ .

**Lemma 5.2**

$\phi$  is a solution to (\*\*) iff  $\phi$  is continuous and satisfies:

$$(1) \quad \phi(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds$$

for all  $t \in I$

*Proof.* Suppose  $\phi$  is a solution to (\*\*) then:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_0}^t \phi'(s) ds &= \phi(t) - \phi(t_0) = \phi(t) - y_0 \\ \Rightarrow \phi(t) &= y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

Conversely define  $\phi(t)$  by (1), then  $\phi(t)$  is differentiable and:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(t) &= \left( y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds \right)' \\ &= f(s, \phi(s)) \Big|_{t_0}^t = f(t, \phi(t)) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark:**  $\alpha = \min \left\{ a, \frac{b}{M} \right\}$

Notice that the variation of  $\phi(t)$  in  $I$  is at most:

$$|\phi(t_0) - \phi(t)| \leq M\alpha$$

And  $M\alpha < b$  which implies that  $\alpha < \frac{b}{M}$ .

*Proof. Step 1:* It suffices to show that there exists a  $\phi : I \rightarrow R$ , where  $\phi$  is continuous such that:

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

**Step 2:** Picard Iteration.

Construct a sequence of functions  $\phi_j$  such that for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ :

$$\begin{cases} \phi_0(t) = y_0 \\ \phi_{j+1}(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi_j(s)) ds \end{cases}$$

**Remark: Spoiler for the Proof**

The solution to (\*\*) will be found by  $\phi(t) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \phi_j(t)$ .

Before proceeding we need to check that the  $\phi_j$ 's are defined on an interval independent of  $j$ . To do so we shall prove the following lemma:

**Lemma 5.3**

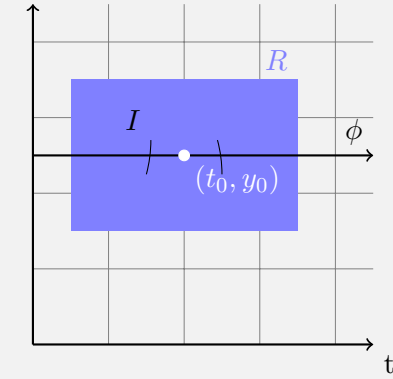
Let  $\alpha = \min \left\{ a, \frac{b}{M} \right\}$  then  $\phi_j : I \rightarrow R$  is well defined where  $I = (t_0 - \alpha, t_0 + \alpha)$  and satisfies  $(t, \phi_j(t)) \in R$  for any  $j = 0, 1, \dots$  and any  $t \in I$ .

*Proof.* We shall proceed using induction.

(1) **Base Case:**  $\phi_0(t) \in R$  for any  $t \in I$ . This is true because  $\alpha < a$  and  $y_0 \in (y_0 - b, y_0 + b)$ .

**Remark: A Bit More Understanding**

Consider the graph of  $\phi_0$  inside the rectangle of  $R$  over the interval  $I$ :



Notice that the constant line doesn't escape the rectangle over the interval  $I$ .

(2) **Inductive Step:** We want to show that if  $(t, \phi_j(t)) \in R$  for any  $t \in I$ , then  $(t, \phi_{j+1}(t)) \in R$  for any  $t \in I$ .

Compute (assuming  $t > t_0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\phi_{j+1}(t) - y_0| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi_j(s)) ds \right| \\
 &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, \phi_j(s))| ds && \text{by Minkowski inequality} \\
 &\leq \int_{t_0}^t M ds = M(t - t_0) && \text{by assumption } f \leq M \\
 &< M\alpha = \frac{b}{M} \cdot M = b
 \end{aligned}$$

This clearly implies that  $(t, \phi_{j+1}(t)) \in R$  for any  $t \in I$ , completing the proof of this lemma.  $\square$

**Step 3:** Show that the  $\phi_j$ 's converge.

We shall use the following method to prove convergence.

**Remark: Method for Proof of Convergence**

Consider the summation:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N+1} \right) = 1$$

Specifically  $\sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots$  is a telescoping series.

Consider that  $\phi_j = \phi_j - \phi_{j-1} + \phi_{j-1} - \phi_{j-2} + \phi_{j-2} + \dots + \phi_0$ . We can represent this as a summation:

$$\phi_j = \phi_0 + \sum_{j'=1}^j (\phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1})$$

Our goal now is to study  $\phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1}$ . Consider the following:

$$\phi_{j'} = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi_{j'-1}(s)) ds \quad (1)$$

$$\phi_{j'-1} = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi_{j'-2}(s)) ds \quad (2)$$

Subtracting (1)-(2):

$$\phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1} = \int_{t_0}^t (f(s, \phi_{j'-1}(s)) - f(s, \phi_{j'-2}(s))) ds$$

Taking absolute values, let us attempt to bound this difference:

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1}| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t (f(s, \phi_{j'-1}(s)) - f(s, \phi_{j'-2}(s))) ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, \phi_{j'-1}(s)) - f(s, \phi_{j'-2}(s))| ds \quad \text{by Minkowski inequality} \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t K |\phi_{j'-1} - \phi_{j'-2}| ds \quad \text{since } |f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2)| \leq K |y_1 - y_2| \text{ by Lipschitz condition} \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality assume that  $t > t_0$ . Here we are a bit stuck in how to proceed with the bounds. So, let us try to find a pattern in the difference, which we can represent as a summation, to better study  $|\phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1}|$ .

First,  $j' = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_1 - \phi_0| &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, \phi(s))| ds \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t M ds = M(t - t_0) \quad \text{since } |f(t, y)| \leq M \text{ for any } (t, y) \in R \end{aligned}$$

Let us proceed with  $j' = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_2 - \phi_1| &\leq \int_{t_0}^t K |\phi_1(s) - \phi_0(s)| ds \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t MK(s - t_0) ds = \frac{MK(t - t_0)^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

And  $j' = 3$ :

$$|\phi_3 - \phi_2| \leq MK^2 \frac{(t - t_0)^3}{2 \cdot 3}$$

**Claim 5.4** —  $I(j') = |\phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1}| \leq M \cdot K^{j'-1} \frac{(t-t_0)^{j'}}{j'!}$

We shall proceed to prove the remainder of this step using induction.

(1) **Base Case:** We have already shown this above for  $j' = 1$ .

(2) **Inductive Step:** Assume that  $I(j')$  holds and we shall prove the case for  $I(j' + 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_{j'+1} - \phi_{j'}| &\leq \int_{t_0}^t K |\phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1}| ds \\ &\leq MK^{j'-1} K \int_{t_0}^t \frac{(s - t_0)^{j'}}{j'!} ds && \text{Substituting in } I(j'). \\ &\leq MK^{j'} \frac{1}{j'} \cdot \frac{(t - t_0)^{j'+1}}{j'!} = \frac{MK^{j'} (t - t_0)^{j'+1}}{j'!} \end{aligned}$$

Now since we want a qualitative bound on  $\phi_j$  we shall proceed to finish the proof of convergence by using the Comparison Test (even though we have already shown that the series is Cauchy). Recall that:

**Remark: Comparison Test**

If  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are such that  $|a_n| \leq |b_n|$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converges then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

Applying this to  $\phi_j$ :

$$\phi_j = \phi_0 + \sum_{j'=1}^j \phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1}$$

Taking absolute values:

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_j| &= \left| \phi_0 + \sum_{j'=1}^j \phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1} \right| \\ &\leq |\phi_0| + \left| \sum_{j'=1}^j \phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1} \right| && \text{by Triangle Inequality} \\ &\leq |y_0| + \sum_{j'=1}^j MK^{j'-1} \frac{(t - t_0)^{j'}}{j'!} \\ &= \frac{M}{K} (e^{K(t-t_0)} - 1)^{j'} && \text{since } \sum_{j'=1}^{\infty} j' = 0 \frac{B^{j'}}{j'!} = e^B \end{aligned}$$

The sequence of partial sums defining  $\phi_j$  converges by the Comparison test for series. □

A recap of what has been done so far:

**Step 1:** Reduction of the problem (\*\*) to an integral form. Look for  $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that



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

**Step 2:** Set up Picard Iteration where:

$$\begin{cases} \phi_0(t_0) = y_0 \\ \phi_j(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds \text{ for all } j = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

**Step 3:** Proved that  $\phi_j(t)$  is well-defined for  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in I$  such that  $(t, \phi_j(t)) \in R$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in I$ .

**Step 4:** Proved convergence of  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \phi_j(t) = \phi(t)$ .

- Estimate  $\phi_j(t) - \phi_{j-1}(t)$ :

$$|\phi_j - \phi_{j-1}| \leq \frac{M}{K} \frac{K^j (t - t_0)^j}{j!} \text{ where } t - t_0 \leq \alpha$$

$$\phi_j = \phi_0(t) + \sum_{j'=1}^j (\phi_{j'}(t) - \phi_{j'-1}(t))$$

- From the first bullet point, it follows that for fixed  $t$ ,  $\sum_{j'=1}^j |\phi_{j'}(t) - \phi_{j'-1}(t)| < \infty$  which means that the sum  $\sum_{j'=1}^j (\phi_{j'}(t) - \phi_{j'-1}(t))$  must converge.

Now we shall proceed to prove that  $\phi$  is continuous.

*Proof.* First consider the following rewrite:

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi - \phi_j| &= \left| \phi_0 + \sum_{j'=1}^{\infty} r_{j'} - \left( \phi_0 + \sum_{j'=1}^j r_{j'} \right) \right| && \text{where } r_{j'} = \phi_{j'} - \phi_{j'-1} \\ &= \left| \sum_{j' \leq j+1}^{\infty} r_{j'} \right| \leq \sum_{j'=j'+1}^{\infty} |r_{j'}| \leq \sum_{j'=j'+1}^{\infty} \frac{M}{K} \frac{K^{j'} \alpha^{j'}}{j'!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M}{K} \frac{K^{n+j+1} \alpha^{n+j+1}}{(n+j+1)!} && \text{re-index } j' = j+1+n \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M}{K} \frac{k^{j+1} \alpha^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \frac{K^n \alpha^n}{n!} && \text{since } (n+j+1)! \geq (j+1)!n! \\ &= \frac{M}{K} \frac{k^{j+1} \alpha^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{K^n \alpha^n}{n!} \\ &= \frac{M}{K} \frac{k^{j+1} \alpha^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} e^{K\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , we want to find some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|t' - t| < \delta$  where  $t, t' \in I$  for which  $|\phi(t) - \phi(t')| < \epsilon$ . We shall proceed to use  $\frac{\epsilon}{3}$  argument. Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(t) - \phi(t')| &= |\phi(t) - \phi_j(t) + \phi_j(t) - \phi_j(t') + \phi_j(t') - \phi(t')| \\ &\leq |\phi(t) - \phi_j(t)| + |\phi_j(t) - \phi_j(t')| + |\phi_j(t') - \phi(t')| \end{aligned}$$

From here we use  $|\phi - \phi_j| \leq \frac{M}{K} \frac{K^{j+1} \alpha^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} e^{K\alpha}$ . We can choose and  $N_1$  such that for  $j \geq N_1$   $|\phi(t) - \phi_j(t)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C^j}{j!} = 0$ . And similarly we choose and  $N_2$  such that for  $j \geq N_2$   $|\phi_j(t) - \phi_j(t')| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ . And by continuity of  $\phi_j$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\phi_j(t) - \phi_j(t')| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  for  $|t - t'| < \delta$ .  $\square$

To complete the proof we want to show that  $\phi(t)$  satisfies  $\phi(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds$ .

*Proof.* We know  $\phi_j(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi_{j-1}(s)) ds$ . Taking limits of both sides as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

(1) LHS:  $\phi_j(t) \rightarrow \phi$  by **Step 3** in the proof above.

(2) RHS: Consider the following difference:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi_{j-1}(s)) ds - \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds \right| &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, \phi_{j-1}(s)) - f(s, \phi(s))| ds \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t K |\phi_{j-1}(s) - \phi(s)| ds \\ &\leq K \int_{t_0}^t \frac{M}{K} \frac{K^j \alpha^j e^{K\alpha}}{j!} ds \\ &\leq \frac{MK^j \alpha^j e^{K\alpha}}{j!} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Since the LHS=RHS limit it's clear that:

$$\phi(t) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \phi_j(t) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left( y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds \right) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds$$

$\square$

## §6 Peano's Theorem

### Theorem 6.1

Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $R = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [y_0 - b, y_0 + b]$ . Suppose that there exists an  $M \geq 0$  such that  $|f(t, y)| \leq M$  for all  $(t, y) \in R$ . Then there exists an  $I = (t_0 - \alpha, t_0 + \alpha)$  and a solution  $\phi : I \rightarrow R$  of (\*\*).

### Example of Peano's Theorem

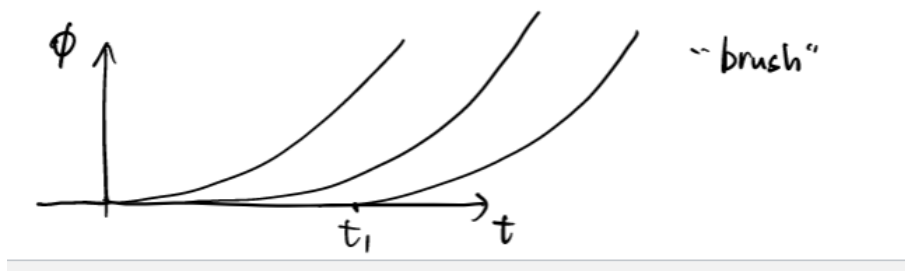
Let  $R = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f = y^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is continuous but not Lipschitz continuous with respect to  $y$ .

$$\begin{cases} y' = y^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ y(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

This does not satisfy the hypothesis of Picard-Lindelöf, however it satisfies the hypothesis of Peano's Theorem. We proceed to guess the solution of type  $y = ct^a$  then:

$$\begin{cases} \phi(t) = 0 & \text{for all } t \in R \\ \phi(t) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} t^{\frac{3}{2}} & \text{for } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

These are both solutions to the ODE above. And we end up with a brush of different solutions.



## §7 Existence Theorem for Systems of 1st Order ODEs

**Definition 7.1.** Let  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Define

- $|x| = \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|$
- $\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2}$

### Lemma 7.2

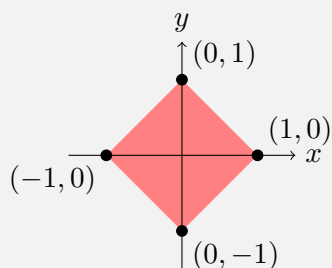
Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then:

$$|\vec{x} + \vec{y}| \leq |\vec{x}| + |\vec{y}|$$

$$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|$$

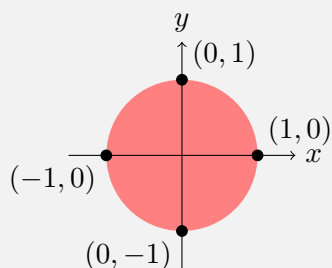
**Definition 7.3.** Let  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $s > 0$  then  $R_s(\vec{a}) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\vec{x} - \vec{a}| < s\}$

**In**  $n = 2$   $R_1(0) = \{(x, y) : |x_1| + |y_1| = 1\}$



**Definition 7.4.** Let  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $r > 0$  then  $B_r(\vec{a}) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\| \leq r\}$

**If**  $n = 2$   $B_1(0)$



**Definition 7.5.** A set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **open** if for any  $\vec{x} \in U$  there exists an  $r > 0$  such that  $B_r(\vec{x}) \subseteq U$ .

**Definition 7.6.** A set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **closed** if  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus U$  is open.

**Definition 7.7.** Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open  $\vec{f} : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is **continuous** at  $\vec{x}_0 \in D$ . If for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0| < \delta$  implies  $|f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{x}_0)| < \epsilon$ .

**Definition 7.8.** Consider the IVP (Initial Value Problem) where  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t, \vec{y}) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(t, \vec{y}) \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{cases} \vec{y}' = f(t, \vec{y}) \\ \vec{y}(t_0) = \vec{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set. Suppose that  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $D$ .

We say that  $f$  is **Lipschitz continuous** with respect to  $\vec{y}$  if there exists a  $K > 0$  such that  $|f(t, \vec{y}_1) - f(t, \vec{y}_2)| \leq K|\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2|$  for all  $(t, \vec{y}_i) \in D$ .

### Theorem 7.9

Let  $R = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\vec{y} - \vec{y}_0| < 0\}$ . Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is:

- (1) Continuous on  $R$ .
- (2) Lipschitz continuous on  $R$  with respect to  $\vec{y}$ .
- (3) There exists an  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(t, \vec{y})| \leq M$  for all  $(t, \vec{y}) \in R$ .

Then there exists an  $\alpha > 0$  and a solution  $\phi(t)$  of

$$(***) \begin{cases} \vec{y}' = f(t, \vec{y}) \\ \vec{y}(t_0) = \vec{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

on  $I = (t_0 - \alpha, t_0 + \alpha)$  and  $\alpha = \min\{a, \frac{b}{M}\}$

## §8 Uniqueness for System of 1st Order ODE's

### Theorem 8.1

Let  $R$  and  $f$  satisfy the assumptions of Thm 3.9. If  $\vec{\phi}_1 : J_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\vec{\phi}_2 : J_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  (where  $J_1, J_2$  are open intervals) are both solutions for  $(***)$  then  $\phi_1 = \phi_2$  for all  $t \in J_1 \cap J_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $J = J_1 \cap J_2$  then since both  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are solutions we have that:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\phi}_1' = \vec{f}(t, \vec{\phi}_1) \\ \vec{\phi}_2' = \vec{f}(t, \vec{\phi}_2) \end{cases}$$

Integrating

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\phi}_1 - \vec{y}_0 = \int_{t_0}^t \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}_1(s)) ds \\ \vec{\phi}_2 - \vec{y}_0 = \int_{t_0}^t \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}_2(s)) ds \end{cases}$$

Subtracting and taking the mod of the two expressions:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\vec{\phi}_2(t) - \vec{\phi}_1(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}_1(s)) ds - \int_{t_0}^t \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}_2(s)) ds \right| \\
&\leq \int_{t_0}^t |\vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}_1(s)) - \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}_2(s))| ds \\
&\leq \int_{t_0}^t K |\vec{\phi}_2(s) - \vec{\phi}_1(s)| ds \quad \text{by Lipschitz}
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $G(t) = |\vec{\phi}_2(t) - \vec{\phi}_1(t)|$  then:

$$G(t) \leq K \int_{t_0}^t G(s) ds$$

From here we apply Gronwall's inequality in integral form.

### Gronwall in Integral Form

Let  $f, g$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and let  $g \geq 0$  on  $[a, b]$  and let  $A \geq 0$ . Suppose:

$$f(t) \leq A + \int_{t_0}^t g(s) f(s) ds$$

Then:

$$f(t) \leq A e^{\int_{t_0}^t g(s) ds}$$

Therefore  $G(t) \leq 0$  which is only possible if  $\phi_1 = \phi_2$ . □

## §9 Maximized Interval of Definition for Solutions

### Theorem 9.1

Let  $D$  be an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , consider:

$$(*) \begin{cases} \vec{y}' = \vec{f}(t, \vec{y}) \\ \vec{y}(t_0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Suppose that:

- (1)  $\vec{f} : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is continuous on  $D$ .
- (2)  $\partial_y \vec{f}$  is continuous on  $D$ .
- (3) There exists some  $M > 0$  such that  $|\vec{f}(t, \vec{y})| \leq M$  for all  $(t, \vec{y}) \in D$ .

Then the solution  $\phi(t)$  given by Picard-Lindelof can be extended until its graph reaches  $\partial D$  (the boundary of  $D$ ).

### Boundary of $D$

Recall that  $\partial D = \bar{D} \setminus D^\circ$  where  $\bar{D} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \text{there exists a sequence } x_j \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } x_j \in D \text{ and } \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_j \rightarrow x\}$ .

Equivalently, since  $D$  is open  $\partial D = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \exists x_j \in D \text{ which tends to } x \notin D\}$

### Lemma 9.2

Consider (\*) assume (1) and (3). Then for any solution  $\phi : (c, d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  of (1) the limits  $\lim_{t \rightarrow d^-} \phi(t)$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow d^+} \phi(t)$  exist.

### Remak

By Picard-Lindelof Thm we know that a solution  $\phi(t)$  exists on  $(t - \alpha, t + \alpha)$ . The lemma is proving that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow (t \pm \alpha)^\pm} \phi(t)$  exists.

*Proof.* Recall that the left limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow d^-} \phi(t)$  exists iff for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $t_1, t_2 \in (d - \delta, d)$  then  $|\vec{\phi}(t_1) - \vec{\phi}(t_2)| < \epsilon$ . And similarly for the RHS. Using  $\vec{\phi}(t) = \vec{y}_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}(s)) ds$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{\phi}(t_1) - \vec{\phi}(t_2)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}(s)) ds - \int_{t_0}^{t_2} \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}(s)) ds \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \vec{f}(s, \vec{\phi}(s)) ds \right| \leq \int_{t_2}^{t_1} |f(s, \vec{\phi}(s))| ds \\ &\leq M(t_1 - t_2) \quad \text{since } |f| \leq M \\ &\leq M\delta \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{M}$  then we obtain that:

$$|\vec{\phi}(t_1) - \vec{\phi}(t_2)| \leq \epsilon$$

□

Use posted notes here for proof of the thm.

**Definition 9.3.** Let  $\vec{\phi} : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a solution to (\*). We say that  $\vec{\phi}$  is **maximal** if it does not admit a non-trivial extension of  $\vec{\psi}$  which is also a solution to (\*).

Let  $\phi : (T, T^*) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\vec{\psi} : (S, S^*)$  is an extension of  $\vec{\phi}$  and  $\vec{\psi}$  is a solution to (\*) then  $S = T$ ,  $S^* = T^*$  and  $\phi = \psi$ .

## §10 Dependence of Initial Conditions

### Theorem 10.1

Consider (\*) from before. Let  $D$  is an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and suppose that:

- (1)  $\vec{f} : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is continuous on  $D$ .
- (2)  $\vec{f}$  is Lipschitz with respect to  $\vec{y}$ .
- (3) There exists some  $M > 0$  such that  $|\vec{f}(t, \vec{y})| \leq M$  for all  $(t, \vec{y}) \in D$ .

Then if  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are solutions to (\*) defined on a common interval  $[\alpha, \beta]$  then:

$$|\phi_1 - \phi_2| \leq |\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2| e^{K|t-t_0|} \quad \text{where } \vec{y}_i = \vec{\phi}_i(t_0)$$

*Proof.* Integrating and subtracting as previously done:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\vec{\phi}_1 - \vec{\phi}_2| &= \left| \vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \vec{\phi}_1) - f(s, \vec{\phi}_2(s)) ds \right| \\
&\leq |\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2| + \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, \vec{\phi}_1) - f(s, \vec{\phi}_2(s))| ds \\
&\leq |\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2| + \int_{t_0}^t K |\phi_1 - \phi_2| ds \quad \text{by Lipschitz}
\end{aligned}$$

Define  $F(t) = |\phi_1 - \phi_2|$  then  $F(t) \leq |\vec{y}_1 - \vec{y}_2| + K \int_{t_0}^t F(s) ds$ . Now applying Gronwall we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

**Definition 10.2.** We say that solutions to  $(*)$  depend continuously on initial data if the map  $y : H \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(I)$  is continuous where  $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $H$  is open and  $\mathcal{C}(I)$  is the space of continuous functions defined on  $I$ .

More precisely, let  $a_0 \in H$ , we say that  $y$  is continuous at  $a_0$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|\vec{y}_0 - \vec{a}_0| < \delta$  then  $d(\phi(y_0), \phi(a_0)) < \epsilon$ . Here  $d(\phi(y_0), \phi(y_f)) = \sup |\phi(y_0) - \phi(y_f)|$

## §11 Systems of Linear 1st Order ODEs

### Theorem 11.1

Consider:

$$(1) \begin{cases} \vec{y}' = A(t) \cdot \vec{y} + g(t) \\ \vec{y}(t_0) = \vec{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $A(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are continuous on  $I$  then there exists a unique solution to (1) on  $I$

*Proof.* Proof sketch:

(1) Show that  $f = Ay + g$  is continuous and (2) Lipschitz in terms of  $\vec{y}$ . Proceed to apply Picard Lindelof (continued in the book).  $\square$

### §11.1 Homogeneous Case

#### Theorem 11.2

The set of all solutions to:

$$(2) \begin{cases} \vec{y}' = A(t) \cdot \vec{y} \\ \vec{y}(t_0) = \vec{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

is a  $n$ -dimensional vector space denoted as  $V$ .

*Proof.* Refer to notebook Thm 2.2  $\square$

**Definition 11.3.** An  $n$ -tuple of solutions to (2) is a **fundamental set of solutions** if it is a basis for  $V$ .

**Definition 11.4.** A **solutions matrix** is a matrix whose columns are all the solutions of (2). Denoted as  $\Phi = (\phi_1 | \cdots | \phi_n)$  where  $\phi_j$  are the solutions to (2).

**Definition 11.5.** A **fundamental matrix** is a solution matrix whose columns are linearly independent.

We want to be able to detect whether a certain set of solutions is a fundamental set of solutions.

**Theorem 11.6**

**Abel's Formula:** Let  $\Phi = (\phi_1 | \cdots | \phi_n)$  with  $\phi_j$  solving (2) for all  $j$ . Let  $t_0, t \in (a, b)$  then  $\det \Phi(t) = \det \Phi(t_0) e^{\int_{t_0}^t \text{Tr}(A(s)) ds}$

**Claim 11.7 —** (Jacob's Formula): Let  $\Phi(t) : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Assume  $\Phi(t)$  is differentiable then  $\det(\Phi(t))' = \det(\Phi(t)) \text{Tr}(\Phi'(t)\Phi^{-1}(t))$

*Proof. Proof. (Special Case)* Assume further that  $\Phi(t)$  has distinct (non-zero) eigenvalues equivalent for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . Then  $\Phi(t) = L(t)D(t)L^{-1}(t)$  where  $L(t), D(t)$  and differentiable (need to prove  $D(t)$  is a differentiable matrix and  $L(t)$  is invertible).

In this case  $D(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1(t) & 0 & \cdots \\ & \vdots & \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\lambda_i(t) \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\det(D(t)) = \lambda_1(t) \cdots \lambda_n(t)$  which means:

$$\begin{aligned} (\det(D(t)))' &= \det(L(t)D(t)L^{-1}(t))' \\ &= \lambda_1' \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n + \lambda_1 \lambda_2' \cdots \lambda_n + \cdots + \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n' \\ &= \frac{\lambda_1'}{\lambda_1} \cdot \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n + \cdots + \frac{\lambda_n'}{\lambda_n} \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n \\ &= \det(D(t)) \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda_1'}{\lambda_1} + \cdots + \frac{\lambda_n'}{\lambda_n} \right) \\ &= \det(\Phi(t)) \text{Tr}(D'(t)D^{-1}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

The last step because  $D'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1'(t) & 0 & \cdots \\ & \vdots & \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n'(t) \end{bmatrix}$  and  $(D(t)^{-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1(t)} & 0 & \cdots \\ & \vdots & \\ 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{\lambda_n(t)} \end{bmatrix}$ . So

$$D'(t)D^{-1}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\lambda_1'(t)}{\lambda_1(t)} & 0 & \cdots \\ & \vdots & \\ 0 & \cdots & \frac{\lambda_n'(t)}{\lambda_n(t)} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Finally we proceed to prove the claim:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi'(t)\Phi^{-1}(t) &= (L(t)D(t)L^{-1}(t))'(L(t)D(t)L^{-1}(t)) \\ &= L'DL^{-1}LD^{-1}L^{-1} + LD'L^{-1}LD^{-1}L^{-1} + LD(L^{-1})'LD^{-1}L^{-1} \\ &= L'L^{-1} + LD'D^{-1}L^{-1} + LD(L^{-1})'LD^{-1}L^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

This implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\Phi'(t)\Phi^{-1}(t)) &= \text{Tr}(L'L^{-1} + LD'D^{-1}L^{-1} + LD(L^{-1})'LD^{-1}L^{-1}) \\ &= \text{Tr}(L'L^{-1}) + \text{Tr}(L^{-1}L') + \text{Tr}(D'D^{-1}) \quad \text{since } \text{Tr}(ABCD) = \text{Tr}(DABC) \\ &= \text{Tr}(D'D^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

For the final step  $(LL^{-1})' = L'L^{-1} + L(L^{-1})' = 0$  □



Using this claim we proceed to prove Abel's Formula. Assume that  $\Phi'(t) = A(t)\Phi(t)$ . From the Jacob's Formula  $\det(\Phi'(t)) = \det(\Phi(t)) \operatorname{Tr}(\Phi'(t)\Phi^{-1}(t))$ . Take  $d(t) = \det(\Phi(t))$  then:

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow d'(t) &= d(t) \operatorname{Tr}(A(t)\Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(t)) = d(t) \operatorname{Tr}(A(t)) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(\ln d(t)) = \operatorname{Tr}(A(t))\end{aligned}$$

Integrating from  $t_0$  to  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(d(t)) - \ln(d(t_0)) &= \int_{t_0}^t \operatorname{Tr} A(s) ds \\ \Rightarrow d(t) &= d(t_0) e^{\int_{t_0}^t \operatorname{Tr} A(s) ds}\end{aligned}$$

And we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

### Theorem 11.8

$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$  is a fundamental set of solutions iff  $\det \Phi(t) \neq 0$  at some  $t \in [a, b]$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\det \Phi(t_0) \neq 0$  then  $(\Phi(t_0))^{-1}$  exists. Consider  $\Psi \in V$ . Then:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = (\Phi(t_0))^{-1} \Psi(t_0)$$

Define  $\Psi_* = \Phi(t) \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute:

$$\Psi_*(t_0) = \Phi(t_0) \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \Phi(t_0) \cdot (\Phi(t_0))^{-1} \Psi(t_0) = \mathbb{I} \cdot \Psi(t_0) = \Psi(t_0)$$

Therefore  $\Psi(t) = \Psi_*(t)$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$  therefore  $\Psi$  is a linear combination of  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ .  $\square$

Consider again the problem:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{y}'(t) = A(t)\vec{y}(t) \\ \vec{y}(t_0) = \vec{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

- (1) Find the fundamental matrix  $\Phi(t)$ . Make sure to use the criterion to check that it's a fundamental matrix.
- (2) Compute  $\det(\Phi(t_0))$ . If  $\det(\Phi) \neq 0$  then  $\Phi$  a fundamental matrix by the criterion and  $\Phi^{-1}$  exists.
- (3) The solution to the problem above is  $\phi(t) = \Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(t_0) \cdot \vec{y}_0$  by the uniqueness of solution.

## §11.2 Non-Homogeneous Case

### Theorem 11.9

Consider systems of the form:

$$(*) \begin{cases} \vec{y}' = A(t)\vec{y} + \vec{g}(t) \\ \vec{y}(t_0) = \vec{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $\vec{\phi}_p$  be a particular solution to (\*). Then, any solution to (\*) satisfies:

$$\vec{\phi} = \vec{\phi}_p + \vec{\phi}_h$$

where  $\vec{\phi}_h$  solves the homogeneous equation:

$$\vec{\phi}_h' = A(t)\vec{\phi}_h$$

*Proof.* Let  $\vec{\phi}$  be a solution to (\*). Consider  $\phi_h = \phi - \phi_p$  then:

$$\phi_h' = (\phi - \phi_p)' = \phi' - \phi_p' = A(t)\phi + g(t) - A(t)\phi_p - g(t) = A(t)(\phi - \phi_p) = A(t)\phi_h$$

Consider the 1D proof for the expression:

$$y' = a(t)y + g(t)$$

We know that:

$$y_h = Ce^{\int_{t_0}^t a(s)ds}$$

We guess that the solution is given by  $\phi(t) = c(t)y_h(t)$  such that  $\phi' = a(t)\phi + g(t)$ . Thus:

$$(\text{LHS:}) \quad c'(t)y_h(t) + c(t)y_h'(t) = c'(t)y_h + c(t)a(t)y_h$$

$$(\text{RHS:}) \quad a(t)s(t)y_h + g(t) \implies c'(t)y_h = g(t) \implies c(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{g(s)}{y_h(s)} ds$$

□

### Theorem 11.10

Let  $\Phi(t)$  be a fundamental matrix for the system:

$$\vec{y}' = A(t)\vec{y}$$

Then,

$$\vec{\phi}_p = \Phi(t) \int_{t_0}^t \Phi^{-1}(s)g(s)ds$$

is a particular solution to  $\vec{y}' = A(t)\vec{y} + g(t)$ .

## §12 Linear Systems with Constant Coefficients

### §12.1 Matrix Exponential

Consider the linear homogeneous system

$$(1) \quad \vec{y}' = A\vec{y} \quad \text{where } A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

#### Theorem 12.1

Let  $\Phi(t) = e^{tA}$ , then  $\Phi(t)$  is a fundamental matrix for (1)

### §12.2 Jordan Canonical Form

**Definition 12.2.** Jordan block of size  $n$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$\mathcal{J}_{n,\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda & 1 & \\ & & & \lambda & \\ & & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose  $A = \text{blockdiag}(M_1, \dots, M_n)$  then  $e^{tA} = \text{blockdiag}(e^{tM_1}, \dots, e^{tM_n})$ .

#### Lemma 12.3

$$e^{t\mathcal{J}_{n,\lambda}} = e^{\lambda t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2!} & \cdots & \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ 0 & 1 & t & \cdots & \frac{t^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & \frac{t^2}{2!} \\ & & & & t \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Proof.* Prove using special cases. □

If  $P$  is invertible and  $A = P^{-1}JP$  for some matrix  $J$ , then  $e^{tA} = P^{-1}e^{tJ}P$ .

#### Theorem 12.4

(Jordan Canonical Form): For each  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  there exists  $k$  numbers where  $k \leq n$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $n_1, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $A = P^{-1}JP$  where:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{J}_{n_1,\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \mathcal{J}_{n_k,\lambda_k} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 12.5.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there exists a  $\vec{v} \neq 0$  where  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ .

All eigenvalues are solutions to  $P(\lambda) = 0$  where  $P(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda\mathbb{I})$ .

If the eigenvalues are pairwise different, then  $A$  is diagonalizable where  $A = P^{-1}DP$  ( $P = (v_1 | \cdots | v_n)$ ) and

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 12.6.** Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Then its algebraic multiplicity is the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  as a root of  $P(\lambda)$ .

**Definition 12.7.** Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ . The geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$  is  $g(\lambda) = \dim(\ker(\lambda\mathbb{I} - A))$

### §12.3 Linear Systems with Complex Eigenvalues

If  $\vec{\phi}' = A\vec{\phi}$  where  $\vec{\phi} : I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  then  $\Re(\phi)$  and  $\Im(\phi)$  are also solutions. Then

$$\vec{\phi}_1 = \Re(e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1) \quad \text{where } \lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta \text{ and } \vec{v}_1 = \Re \vec{v}_1 + i\Im \vec{v}_1$$

Hence  $\vec{\phi}_1(0) = \Re(\vec{v}_1)$  and  $\vec{\phi}_2 = \Im \vec{v}_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\phi}_1 &= \Re(e^{t(\alpha+i\beta)}(\Re \vec{v}_1 + i\Im \vec{v}_1)) \\ &= \Re(e^{\alpha t}(\cos(\beta t) + i\sin(\beta t))(\Re \vec{v}_1 + i\Im \vec{v}_1)) \\ &= e^{\alpha t}(\cos(\beta t)\Re \vec{v}_1 - \sin(\beta t)\Im \vec{v}_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\phi}_2 &= \Im(e^{\alpha t}(\cos(\beta t) + i\sin(\beta t))(\Re \vec{v}_1 + i\Im \vec{v}_1)) \\ &= e^{\alpha t}(\cos(\beta t)\Im \vec{v}_1 + \sin(\beta t)\Re \vec{v}_1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the fundamental matrix is  $\Phi(t) = (\phi_1 | \phi_2)$

### §12.4 Asymptotic Behavior of Solutions

#### Theorem 12.8

Suppose that  $A$  has  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  distinct eigenvalues and suppose that  $P > \Re(\lambda_j)$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, k$ . Then there exists  $K > 0$  such that  $|e^{tA}| \leq Ke^{\rho t}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Write  $A = PJP^{-1}$  where  $J = \text{blockdiag}(J_{n_1, \lambda_1}, \dots, J_{n_k, \lambda_k})$ . Thus:

$$e^{tA} = e^{tP^{-1}JP} = P^{-1}e^{tJ}P$$

$$\Rightarrow |e^{tA}| = |Pe^{tJ}P^{-1}| \leq |P||e^{tJ}||P^{-1}| \leq K_1|e^{tJ}| \quad \text{where } K_1 = |P||P^{-1}|$$

We know that:

$$|e^{tJ_{n_m, \lambda_m}}| = \left| e^{\lambda_m t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \cdots & \frac{t^{n_m-1}}{(n_m-1)!} \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & t & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| \leq |e^{\lambda_m t}| \left( n_m + t(n_m - 1) + \cdots + \frac{t^{n_m-1}}{(n_m-1)!} \right)$$

Notice that  $s^k \leq k!e^s$  because  $e^t = \sum_n^\infty \frac{t^n}{n!}$  therefore if  $s = \epsilon t$  then:

$$\epsilon^k t^k \leq k!e^{st} \quad (*)$$

Using (\*). We have that:

$$\begin{aligned} |e^{tJ_{n_m, \lambda_m}}| &= |e^{\lambda_m t}| \left( n_m + t(n_m - 1) + \cdots + \frac{t^{n_m-1}}{(n_m - 1)!} \right) \\ &\leq e^{t\Re(\lambda_m)} \left( n_m e^{\epsilon t} + \frac{(n_m - 1)}{\epsilon} e^{\epsilon t} + \cdots + \frac{(n_m - 1)!}{(n_m - 1)!} \frac{e^{\epsilon t}}{\epsilon^{n_m-1}} \right) \\ &= e^{t\Re(\lambda_m)} e^{\epsilon t} \left( n_m + \frac{(n_m - 1)}{\epsilon} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\epsilon^{n_m-1}} \right) \\ &= e^{t(\Re(\lambda_m) + \epsilon)} K_n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} |e^{tA}| &\leq |P||P^{-1}||e^{tJ}| = |P||P^{-1}| \sum_{m=1}^k |e^{tJ_{n_m, \lambda_m}}| \\ &\leq |P||P^{-1}| \sum_{m=1}^k K_n e^{t(\Re(\lambda_m) + \epsilon)} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $P > \Re(\lambda_m)$  for all  $m = 1, \dots, k$  then there exists a  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\rho > \Re(\lambda_m) + \epsilon$  thus  $e^{t(\Re(\lambda_m) + \epsilon)} \leq e^{t\rho}$ . Finally:

$$|e^{tA}| \leq |P||P^{-1}| \sum_{m=1}^k K_m e^{t\rho} = K e^{t\rho}$$

□

## §12.5 Autonomous First Order Systems

We shall be discussing systems of the form:

$$\vec{y}' = \vec{g}(\vec{y}) \quad \text{where } \vec{g}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ does not depend on } t$$

**Definition 12.9.**  $\vec{y}_0$  is a **critical point** if  $\vec{g}(\vec{y}_0) = 0$  therefore  $\phi(t) = \vec{y}_0$  is an equilibrium solution.

Consider the system  $y'' = \sin(y)$  then take  $y_1 = y$  and  $y_2 = y'$ :

$$\vec{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ -\sin(y_1) \end{bmatrix} \vec{y}$$

The critical points of this system are  $y_2 = 0$  and  $y_1 = n\pi$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose we want to study this system at the point  $(0, 0)$ . Then we can proceed to linearize the system. Notice that:

$$\sin(y_1) \approx y_1 - \frac{y_1^3}{3!} + \cdots$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ \sin(y_1) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the system close to zero is the following solvable system:

$$\vec{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{y}$$

Consider:

$$\vec{y}' = A\vec{y} \text{ where } A = PJP^{-1}$$

Notice that if  $\phi$  is a solution to  $\phi' = J\phi$  then  $\phi_1 = e^{tJ}\vec{y}_0$  and  $\phi_2 = e^{At}\vec{y}_0 = Pe^{Jt}P^{-1}\vec{y}_0$ . Hence the phase portraits of  $\vec{y}' = A\vec{y}$  is equivalent to  $\vec{y}' = J\vec{y}$ . Hence all of the possible phase portraits can be reduced to 6 cases (refer to notebook for drawings of these).

## §13 Stability of Critical Points

### §13.0.1 Autonomous Systems

Consider systems of the form:

$$(*) \quad \vec{y}' = \vec{g}(\vec{y})$$

**Definition 13.1.** Suppose  $\vec{y}_0$  is a critical point such that  $\vec{g}(\vec{y}_0) = 0$ . We say that  $\vec{y}_0$  is **orbitally stable** if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|\eta_0 - y_0| < \delta$  then the solution  $\vec{\phi}(t)$  to  $(*)$  with  $\vec{\phi}(0) = \eta_0$  satisfies:

$$|\vec{\phi}(t) - \vec{y}_0| < \delta \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0$$

Consider the following system

$$\begin{cases} y' = -y \\ y(0) = a \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We shall proceed to show that the critical point  $y_0 = 0$  is stable. We know that the solution to this ODE is  $\phi(t) = ae^{-t}$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $\delta = \epsilon$  then  $|a - y_0| < \delta = \epsilon$ . Now consider the following:

$$|\phi(t) - 0| = |ae^{-t}| = |a||e^{-t}| \leq |a| < \delta = \epsilon$$

□

**Definition 13.2.** We say that  $\vec{y}_0$  is **asymptotically stable** if there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|\vec{\eta}_0 - \vec{y}_0| < \delta$  then  $\phi(t) \rightarrow \vec{y}_0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 13.3.** A point is **unstable** if it's not stable. For any  $\delta > 0$  there exists a  $\eta_0$  such that  $|\vec{\eta}_0 - \vec{y}_0| < \delta$  and  $\phi(t)$  is a solution with  $\phi(0) = \eta_0$  such that  $|\phi(t) - \vec{y}_0| > \epsilon$  for all  $t \geq T_\delta$

### Theorem 13.4

Consider the following linear system:

$$(1) \quad \vec{y}' = A\vec{y} \quad \text{where } A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

where  $\vec{y}_0 = 0$  is a critical point. Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

(1)  $\Re(\lambda_q) \leq 0$  for all  $q = 1, \dots, n$  and the eigenvalues with  $\Re(\lambda_q) = 0$  are simple (geometric multiplicity equivalent to algebraic multiplicity) then,  $\vec{y}_0 = 0$  is a stable critical point.

(2) If  $\Re(\lambda_q) < 0$  for all  $q = 1, \dots, m$  then  $\vec{y}_0$  is asymptotically stable.

(3) If there exists  $\lambda_h$  such that  $\lambda_h > 0$  then  $\vec{y}_0$  is unstable.

*Proof.* (3) Suppose that  $\lambda_h \in \mathbb{R}$  since  $\lambda_h$  is an eigenvalue there exists some  $\vec{v} \neq 0$  such that  $A\vec{v} = \lambda_h \vec{v}$ . Then  $\phi(t) = e^{\lambda_h t} \vec{v}$  is a solution to (1). But  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t) \rightarrow \infty$  since  $\vec{v} \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_h > 0$  then  $\vec{y}_0 = 0$  is unstable.  $\square$

### §13.0.2 Non-Autonomous System

Now consider systems of the form:

$$(2) \quad \vec{y}' = \vec{f}(t, \vec{y}) \quad \vec{f}: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ where } D \subseteq \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_y^n$$

We make the following:

(1)  $\vec{f}$  is continuous on  $D$ .

(2)  $\vec{f}$  is Lipschitz continuous in terms of  $\vec{y}$  on  $D$ .

Assume that  $\vec{\phi}: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a solution (of  $\vec{y}_0$ ).

**Definition 13.5.**  $\vec{\phi}$  is **stable** if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\vec{\eta}$  with  $|\phi(0) - \vec{\eta}| < \delta$  the solution  $\vec{\psi}(t, \vec{\eta})$  to (2) with  $\psi(0, \vec{\eta}) = \vec{\eta}$  exists for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $|\psi(t, \vec{\eta}) - \phi(t)| < \epsilon$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

**Definition 13.6.**  $\vec{\phi}$  is **asymptotically stable** if  $\phi$  is stable and there exists a  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that if  $|\vec{\eta} - \vec{\phi}(0)| < \delta_0$  then:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |\vec{\psi}(t, \vec{\eta}) - \vec{\phi}(0)| = 0$$

where  $\vec{\psi}(t, \eta)$  is the solution to (2) with initial condition  $\eta$ .

Consider the following:

$$\vec{y}' = \left( -1 + \frac{1}{t+1} \right) y$$

Then  $\phi_0(t) = 0$  is a solution. We take  $y(0) = \eta$  and solve the equation to find:

$$y(t) = \eta e^{-t}(1+t)$$

Hence  $\phi_0$  is asymptotically stable.

#### Theorem 13.7

Consider a system of the form:

$$\vec{y}' = (A + B(t))\vec{y} \quad \text{where } A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

where  $B(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with continuous entries. And assume:

(1)  $\Re(\lambda_g) < 0$  for all  $\lambda_g$  eigenvalues of  $A$ .

(2)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |B(t)| = 0$ .

Then  $\phi_0(t) = 0$  for all  $t$  is asymptotically stable.

**Theorem 13.8**

Consider a system of the type:

$$\vec{y}' = A\vec{y} + \vec{f}(t, \vec{y})$$

Assume the following:

- (1) All eigenvalues of  $A$  have negative real part.
- (2)  $\vec{f}$  is continuous and Lipschitz with respect to  $\vec{y}$  on  $D = [0, \infty) \times \{|\vec{y}| \leq K\}$  for  $K > 0$ .
- (3)  $\lim_{\vec{y} \rightarrow 0} \sup_{t \in [0, \infty)} \frac{|\vec{f}(t, \vec{y})|}{|\vec{y}|} = 0$ .

Then  $\vec{y}_0 = 0$  is asymptotically stable.

**§13.1 Lyapunov's Theorem**

Consider two quantities  $y'_j = p_j$  where  $j = 1, \dots, d$  then:

$$\begin{cases} y'_j = p_j \\ p'_j = \partial_{y_j} U \end{cases}$$

where  $U : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

The conserved quantity here is defined as the Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{p}\|^2 + U(\vec{y})$$

*Proof.*

$$H^* = \sum_{j=1}^d p_j \partial_{y_j} H + \sum_{j=1}^d (-\partial_{y_j} U) \partial_{p_j} H = \sum_{j=1}^d p_j \partial_{y_j} U + \sum_{j=1}^d (-\partial_{y_j} U) p_j = 0$$

□

**Theorem 13.9**

If  $\vec{0}$  is a minimum of  $H(\vec{y}, \vec{p})$  is a stable critical point for the system:

$$\begin{cases} y'_j = p_j \\ p'_j = \partial_{y_j} U \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 13.10**

If there exists a scalar function  $V(\vec{y})$ ,  $V(0) = 0$  such that  $V^*$  is either positive definite or negative definite on some region  $\Omega$  containing the origin and if there exists in every neighborhood  $N$  of the origin,  $N \subset \Omega$  at least one point  $\vec{a} \neq 0$  such that  $V(\vec{a})$  has the same sign as  $V^*$ , then the zero solution of  $\vec{y}' = \vec{f}(\vec{y})$  is unstable.



**Theorem 13.11**

If there exists a scalar function  $V$  such that in a region  $\Omega$  containing the origin  $V^* = \lambda V + W$  where  $\lambda > 0$  is a constant and  $W$  is either identically zero or  $W$  is a nonnegative or nonpositive function such that in every neighborhood  $N$  of the origin,  $N \subset \Omega$ , there is at least one point  $\vec{a}$  such that  $V(\vec{a}) \cdot W(\vec{a}) > 0$ , then the zero solution of  $y' = f(y)$  is unstable.