

Lecture 3 - Verifying Solutions

ex. Show that $\sin(t)e^t$ satisfies $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$

just plug it in

$$y = e^t \sin t \quad y' = e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t \quad y'' = 2e^t \cos t$$

$$y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$$

$$2e^t \cos t - 2(e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t) + e^t \sin t = 0$$

$$0 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

ex. find solutions to $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$ in the form $y = e^{rt}$

$$y = e^{rt} \quad y' = r e^{rt} \quad y'' = r^2 e^{rt}$$

$$r^2 e^{rt} - 3r e^{rt} + 2e^{rt} = 0$$

$$e^{rt} (r^2 - 3r + 2) = 0$$

$$e^{rt} (r-2)(r-1) = 0$$

$$r=2, \quad r=1$$

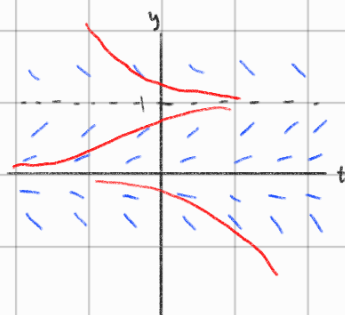
$$y = e^t, \quad y = e^{2t}$$

Slope fields

$$y' = f(y, t)$$

ex. $\frac{dy}{dt} = y(1-y)$

t	y	slope
	1	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
	0	0
	-1	-2



ex. $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{t}{y}$

$$y = t \rightarrow \text{slope} = -1$$

$$y = -t \rightarrow \text{slope} = 1$$

$$t = 0 \rightarrow \text{slope} = 0$$

$$y = 0 \rightarrow \text{slope} = \infty$$



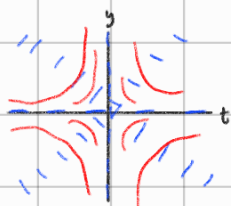
ex. $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{y}{t}$

$$y = 0 \rightarrow \text{slope} = 0$$

$$t = 0 \rightarrow \text{slope} = \infty$$

$$y = t \rightarrow \text{slope} = -1$$

$$y = -t \rightarrow \text{slope} = 1$$



Existence and Uniqueness

1) Is there a solution?

2) Is that solution unique?

ex. $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^{1/3}$ $y(0) = 0$

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{y^{1/3}}\right) dy = \int dt$$

$$\frac{3}{2} y^{2/3} = t + C$$

initial cond.: $\frac{3}{2}(0) = 0 + C$

$$C = 0$$

second solution: $y(t) = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$y^{1/3} = 0^{1/3} = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{2} y^{2/3} = t$$

$$y^{2/3} = \frac{2}{3} t$$

$$y = \left(\frac{2}{3} t\right)^{3/2}$$

Theorem:

Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t) \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

suppose that the function f is continuous in a neighborhood of the point (t_0, y_0) and that the partial derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous in a neighborhood of the point (t_0, y_0) . Then there exists a unique solution to the differential equation for $t \in (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)$ for some $\epsilon > 0$.

← (close to t_0)

ex. (from before) $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^{1/3}$ $y(0) = 0$

$$f(y, t) = y^{1/3}$$

continuous everywhere



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{3} y^{-2/3}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0) = \frac{1}{3(0)^{2/3}} \quad \therefore \text{not continuous at } 0$$

ex. For which of the following equations is existence and uniqueness guaranteed

1 • $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 + t^2$ $y(2) = 8$

2 • $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{t}{y+t}$ $y(2) = -2$

3 • $\frac{dy}{dt} = y \ln|y|$ $y(1) = 0$

4 • $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y+t-2}{(y-2)^2+t^2}$ $y(0) = 2$

5 • $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y+t-2}{(y-2)^2+t^2}$ $y(0) = 0$

1) $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 + t^2$ $y(2) = 8$

$$f(y, t) = y^2 + t^2 \quad \text{continuous}$$

unique solution near $(2, 8)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y + t^2 \quad \text{continuous}$$

3) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ not continuous near $(1, 0)$

4) f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ not continuous near $(0, 2)$

5) f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ continuous near $(0, 2)$

2) f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ not continuous near $(2, -2)$