

# 10/14 - Existence and Uniqueness of Solutions of 1st Order DEs (in Normal Form)

## Existence

$$\text{ex: } x' = f(t, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x=0 \\ \frac{1}{x} & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



if  $x=0$ , then initial value problem has no solutions  
no solution can pass through  $\bigcirc$

Thm - Suppose  $f(t, x)$  is defined and continuous on Rect  $R$  in the  $tx$ -plane  $([a, b], [c, d])$  then given a point  $(t_0, x_0) \in R$ , then the initial value problem  $x' = f(t, x)$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$  has a solution  $x(t)$  defined in a interval containing  $t_0$ . Furthermore, the solution will be defined at least until  $t \rightarrow (b, x(b))$  leaves Rectangle  $R$

$\cap$  solution is continuous ~~~

## Uniqueness

$$\text{ex: } y' = y^{\frac{1}{2}}, y(0) = 0$$

1)  $y_1(t) = 0$  is a solution

$$2) y_2(t) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{3}t\right)^{3/2} & t > 0 \\ 0 & t \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(t) - y(0)}{t - 0} \right| &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{y(t)}{t} \right| \\ &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{3}|t|^{3/2}}{|t|} \right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}|t|} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thm - Suppose  $f(t, x)$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x)$  are both continuous on  $R$  in the  $tx$ -plane  
Suppose  $(t_0, x_0) \in R$  and that the solution  $x' = f(t, x)$ ,  $y' = f(t, y)$  are two solutions satisfying  $x(t_0) = y(t_0) = x_0$

Then, as long as  $((t, x(t)), (t, y(t)))$  stays in  $R$ , we have  $x(t) = y(t)$

Proof of Uniqueness which makes absolutely no sense to me ^^

Fact -  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  is continuous on  $R$  means  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  is bound on  $R$  ( $|\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}| \leq M$  on  $R$ )

we define  $h(t)$  to be the difference between two solutions  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$

$$h(t) = x(t) - y(t)$$

$$h'(t) = x'(t) - y'(t) = f(t, x) - f(t, y) \quad \rightarrow \xi(t) \text{ is between } x(t) \text{ and } y(t) ??$$

$$\text{by MVT } f(t, x) - f(t, y) = h'(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, \xi(t))(x(t) - y(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, \xi(t))h$$

$$\left| \int_{t_0}^t h' dt \right| = \left| \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, \xi(t)) dt \right| \leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t M dt \right| \leq M|t - t_0|$$

$$\ln|h(t)| - \ln|h(t_0)| \leq M|t - t_0|$$

$$\left| \frac{h(t)}{h(t_0)} \right| \leq e^{M(t-t_0)} \Rightarrow |h| \leq |h(t_0)| e^{M(t-t_0)} \Rightarrow |x(t) - y(t)| \leq |x(t_0) - y(t_0)| e^{M(t-t_0)}$$

if  $x(t_0) = y(t_0)$ , aka they intersect at  $t_0$ , then  $|x(t) - y(t)| \leq 0$ , so  $x(t) = y(t)$

Suppose  $y(t)$  satisfies  $y' = (y-1)\cos(yt)$

Prove that 1) if  $y(0)=1$  then  $y(t)=1$

2) if  $y(0)=2$ , then  $y(t) > 1$

1)  $y' = 0 = (1-1)\cos(1 \cdot 0) = 0 \checkmark$  ;  $y(t)=1$

2) if  $y(0)=2$ , assume that the solution crosses  $y(t)=1$

by IVT,  $y(t)=1$  is unique

therefore the solution w/ IC  $y(0)=2$  cannot

intersect w/ line  $y=1$ , so  $y > 1$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(yt) + (-\sin(yt))(t)(y-1)$$

is always continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$