

# Differential Equations

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## Introduction

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### 1.1 Romeo and Juliet

$$\begin{cases} R' = aR + bJ \\ J' = cR + dJ \end{cases}$$

These equations model the rate of change of Romeo's and Juliet's feelings. We call this a **linear system of two coupled differential equations of first order in two unknowns**.

- What makes it linear is that the functions and variables appear in a linear fashion.
- What makes it coupled is that both equations have both  $R$  and  $J$  in them.
- An **uncoupled system** would look like:

$$\begin{cases} R' = aR \\ J' = bJ \end{cases}$$

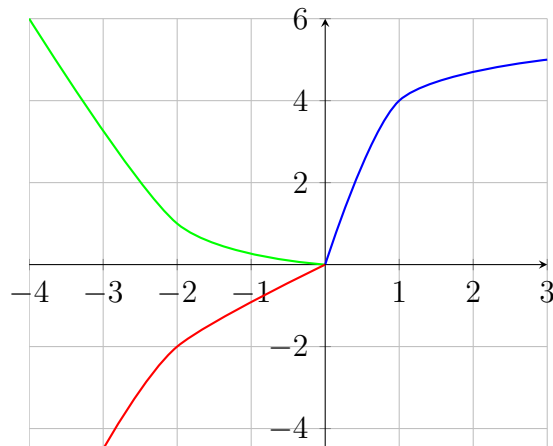
- First-order refers to the fact that all the derivatives are the first derivatives.

"Identically cautious lovers":

$$\begin{aligned} R' &= aR + bJ & a < 0, b > 0 \\ J' &= bR + aJ & |a| > |b| \end{aligned}$$

We may have initial conditions,  $R(0)$  and  $J(0)$ , and plot them on a **phase plane** with  $R$  against  $J$ . In this case, no matter where the starting point is, the trajectory will go towards a **stable node**.

In the case of  $|a| < |b|$ , points will move asymptotically towards  $R = -J$  and  $R = J$ . In the case of  $|a| = |b|$ , points will cycle around the origin infinitely.



## 1.2 Supremum and Infimum of a Set $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

- If  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq (-\infty, b]$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say  $\mathcal{A}$  is bounded above, and that  $b$  is an **upper bound** for  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 1.1** (Supremum Theorem). *If  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$ , and  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq (-\infty, b]$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq (-\infty, a]$  but if  $x < a$ , then  $\mathcal{A} \not\subseteq (-\infty, x]$ . We write  $a = \sup \mathcal{A}$ , call it the **supremum** of  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

Why is this necessary? Consider the set  $\mathcal{A} = \{-\frac{1}{n} | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . It does not have a maximum per say, but it has a supremum  $\sup \mathcal{A} = 0$ .

Consider this example: What is  $\sup(-\mathbb{N})$ ? It is -1, which also happens to be the maximum of the set. e

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $\max \mathcal{A}$  exists as a real number, then  $\sup \mathcal{A} = \max \mathcal{A}$ .*

But to answer all these questions, we need to figure out: what exactly are the real numbers?

## 1.3 What is $\mathbb{R}$ ?

Let  $x = (s, N, d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_k, \dots)$ , where:

- $s \in \{+1, -1\}$
- $N \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $d_k \in \mathbb{D} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$
- $\neg(\exists k : d_{k+1} = d_{k+2} = \dots = 0)$ , this is to prevent multiple sequences from being the same number

In this case, “2.49” is shorthand for  $(+1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 9, 9, \dots)$

## 2 2/4/16: Background in $\mathbb{R}$ ; Fundamental Existence/Uniqueness Question

### 2.1 Supremums and Infimums in Integrals

**Theorem 2.1** (Supremum/Infimum Theorem).

1. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a non-empty set of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and is bounded above (i.e.  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq (-\infty, b]$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ), then there is a least upper bound for  $\mathcal{A}$ , namely  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$(a) \mathcal{A} \subseteq (-\infty, a]$$

$$(b) \text{ if } x < a, \text{ then } \mathcal{A} \not\subseteq (-\infty, x]$$

This  $a$  is called the **supremum** of  $\mathcal{A}$ , written  $\sup A$ .

2.  $\inf A$ . This is the greatest lower bound for  $\mathcal{A}$ , or the **infimum**, provided  $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  has a lower bound at all.

Recall that the Riemann integral is taking the limit of a partition over an interval  $[a, b]$ . But when we take the limit, we make the mesh of the partition,  $\|\mathcal{P}\|$ , approach zero, where

$$\mathcal{P} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Delta x_i$$

To fix this, we can define:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n [\inf\{f(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\} \Delta x_i] \mid a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b \right\}$$

This is a “down-and-up” procedure. The sum of the rectangle areas is a down approximation since we use the minimum possible height to find the area. Then, we take the supremum of that, since for any lower approximation there will always be a higher approximation. Turns out there will never be a maximum; that’s why we take the supremum. This is a **lower Riemann sum**.

We can also define the same thing for an **upper Riemann sum**:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n [\sup\{f(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\} \Delta x_i] \mid a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b \right\}$$

Therefore, the following inequality is true:

$$\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^b f$$

If these two are equal, then we say that  $f$  is **Riemann integrable**.

Here’s an example of a function that is NOT Riemann integrable:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1] \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Note that  $\int_0^1 f = 0$  and  $\int_0^1 f = 1$ , so this is not Riemann integrable.

## 2.2 Real Numbers, Again

We have shorthand for our previous definition of the real numbers.

$$\mathbb{R} = \{0\} \cup \{(s, N, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k, \dots \mid s \in \{-1, +1\}, N \in \mathbb{Z}^+, d_k \in \mathbb{D}, \text{no 0-tail}\}$$

and the positive reals:

$$\mathbb{R}^+ = \{(s, N, d_1, d_2, \dots) \mid s = +1\}$$

Let us write  $x = \underline{N.d_1d_2d_3\dots}$  and  $y = \underline{M.e_1e_2e_3\dots}$ .

We also define negation as:

$$-(s, N, d_1, d_2, \dots) := (-s, N, d_1, d_2, \dots)$$

Then we can define the “less than” operation as follows:

- If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then  $x < y$  if either  $N < M$  or  $N = M$  and  $d_1 < e_1$  or  $N = M$ ,  $d_1 = e_1$  and  $d_2 < e_2$ , or...
- $0 < x$  if  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$
- $x < 0$  if  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$
- $x < y$  if  $x \in \mathbb{R}^-, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .
- $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^-$ , and  $x < y$  if  $-y < -x$

## 3 2/5/16: Fundamental Existence of Uniqueness Theorem

### 3.1 Terminology

A **differential equation** is a relation between one or more unknown functions and at least some (but finitely many) of their derivatives, plus the independent variables.

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} y' + 2xy - x^2 &= 3 \\ y''' + 2x^2y'' - 3x^3y' + xy - x^5 + 1 &= 0 \\ (y')^{y''} - e^{y'''} + x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Or,

$$\vec{y}' = \mathbf{A}(x)\vec{y}$$

where

$$\vec{y} = \vec{y}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(x) \\ y_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(x) & a_{12}(x) & \cdots & a_{1n}(x) \\ a_{21}(x) & a_{22}(x) & \cdots & a_{2n}(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1}(x) & a_{n2}(x) & \cdots & a_{nn}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3.2 A Treatise on PDE's

There are two different types of differential equations: ODE's (ordinary, where all unknown functions depend on a single, same independent variable) and PDE's (partial, anything else).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Wave equation: } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \\ u &= g(x-t) + h(x+t) \end{aligned}$$

## 4 2/9/16: Basic Existence and Uniqueness Theorem

**Theorem 4.1** (Flow Theorem). *Let  $\vec{F}(\vec{x}) = (F_1(\vec{x}), F_2(\vec{x}), \dots, F_n(\vec{x}))$  be a vector field defined on some closed and bounded region  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Also assume  $\vec{F}$  is  $C^1$ ; namely,  $\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}$  is continuous everywhere interior to  $\mathcal{D}$ , for any  $i$  and  $j$ .*

*Let  $\vec{p}$  be a specific point interior to  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then  $\exists$  a function  $\vec{\sigma}(t)$  from some "time" interval  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$  into  $\mathcal{D}$ , such that  $\vec{\sigma}(0) = \vec{p}$  and  $\vec{\sigma}'(t) = \vec{F}(\vec{\sigma}(t))$  for any  $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ .*

This theorem basically says that in a vector field, we can use the vector field to get the velocity of a curve. We call  $\vec{\sigma}(t)$  a **flow** for  $\vec{F}$ , starting at  $\vec{p}$ . This flow is, in fact, unique, in the sense that any two flows for the same  $\vec{F}$  starting at the same point must agree whenever they are both defined.

This is meaningful in that we can treat it as a differential equation:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma'_1 &= F_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \\ \sigma'_2 &= F_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \\ \vdots &\vdots \\ \sigma'_n &= F_n(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_1(0) &= p_1 \\ \sigma_2(0) &= p_2 \\ \vdots &\vdots \\ \sigma_n(0) &= p_n \end{cases}$$

## 4.1 Second-Order

$$mx'' = -kx, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad x'(0) = v_0$$

$$x = x(t), \quad v = v(t) = x'(t), \quad a = a(t) = x''(t)$$

where  $k > 0$  is the spring constant. We can rewrite this as:

$$\begin{cases} x' &= v = F_1(x, v) \\ v' &= -\frac{k}{m}x = F_2(x, v) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x(0) &= x_0 \\ v(0) &= v_0 \end{cases}$$

The Flow Theorem will tell us there is a unique solution, for some time interval.

## 5 2/10/16: The Flow Theorem

### 5.1 Application: $n^{\text{th}}$ order initial value problem (IVP)

$$\begin{cases} x &= x(t) \\ x^{(n)} &= F(t, x, x', x'', \dots, x^{(n-1)}) \\ x(t_0) &= x_{00} \\ x'(t_0) &= x_{10} \\ x''(t_0) &= x_{20} \\ \vdots & \\ x^{(n-1)}(t_0) &= x_{(n-1)0} \end{cases}$$

$f(t)x^{(n)} = F(t, x, x', x'', \dots, x^{(n-1)})$  is an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE in standard form.

A **singularity** (or singular point) of this equation is a value  $t_0$  where  $f(t_0) = 0$ . At this point, the equation ceases to be of  $n^{\text{th}}$  order. If  $f(t)$  is of constant sign in the time interval on which we'd like to solve the equation, we just divide through by  $f(t)$  to get our desired form (which is the regular case, as opposed to the singular case).

Here, the Flow Theorem says that there is a unique solution  $x = x(t)$  defined in some time interval  $(t_0 - \varepsilon, t_0 + \varepsilon)$  where  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

To apply this:

$$\begin{cases} x_0(t) &= t \\ x_1 &= x_1(t) = x(t) \\ x_2 &= x_2(t) = x'(t) \\ x_3 &= x_3(t) = x''(t) \\ \vdots & \\ x_n &= x_n(t) = x^{(n-1)}(t) \end{cases}$$



becomes

$$\begin{cases} x'_0 &= 1 = F_0(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ x'_1 &= x_2 = F_1(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ x'_2 &= x_3 = F_2(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ x'_3 &= x_4 = F_3(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots &\vdots \\ x'_{n-1} &= x_n = F_{n-1}(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ x'_n &= F(t, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = F_n(\dots) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x_0(t_0) &= t_0 \\ x_1(t_0) &= x_{00} \\ x_2(t_0) &= x_{10} \\ \vdots &\vdots \\ x_n(t_0) &= x_{(n-1)0} \end{cases}$$

This shows that we can recast an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order IVP into an  $n + 1$  order system.

However, for the Flow Theorem to apply,  $\vec{F}$  needs to be  $C^1$ . Therefore, our hypothesis in the IVP is that  $F$  is  $C^1$ , meaning that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial x'}, \dots$  are continuous.

## 6 2/11/16: Proof of the Flow Theorem

We will prove the Flow Theorem for two dimensions only; the proof can be extended to greater than two dimensions.

*Proof.* Let  $\vec{F}(x, y) = (A(x, y), B(x, y))$  be a vector field. By hypothesis,  $A$  and  $B$  are defined on a closed, bounded region  $\mathcal{D}$ , and they are  $C^1$  on  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then we need to solve the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}' &= \vec{F}(\vec{x}) \\ \vec{x}(0) &= \vec{p} = \langle p, q \rangle \end{aligned}$$

We need to see how fast  $A(x, y)$  is changing.

1.

$$\begin{aligned} |A(x_1, y_1) - A(x_2, y_2)| &= |A(x_1, y_1) - A(x_1, y_2) + A(x_1, y_2) - A(x_2, y_2)| \\ (\text{Triangle Inequality}) &\leq |A(x_1, y_1) - A(x_1, y_2)| + |A(x_1, y_2) - A(x_2, y_2)| \\ (\text{MVT}) &\leq \left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(x_1, y^*)(y_1 - y_2) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial x}(x^*, y_2)(x_1 - x_2) \right| \end{aligned}$$

Take  $K$  to be some upper bound for all the partial derivatives of  $A$  and  $B$  on  $\mathcal{D}$ .

$$\left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(x_1, y^*)(y_1 - y_2) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial x}(x^*, y_2)(x_1 - x_2) \right| \leq K(|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2|)$$

Similarly:

$$|B(x_1, y_2) - B(x_2, y_2)| \leq K(|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2|)$$

This is called the **Lipschitz Condition**.

2. Also, note that  $A$  and  $B$  are continuous in  $\mathcal{D}$  and so by the Extreme Value Theorem, we can find an upper bound  $M$  for  $|A|$  and  $|B|$  on  $\mathcal{D}$ , i.e.

$$M = \max \left( \max_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}} |A(x, y)|, \max_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}} |B(x, y)| \right)$$

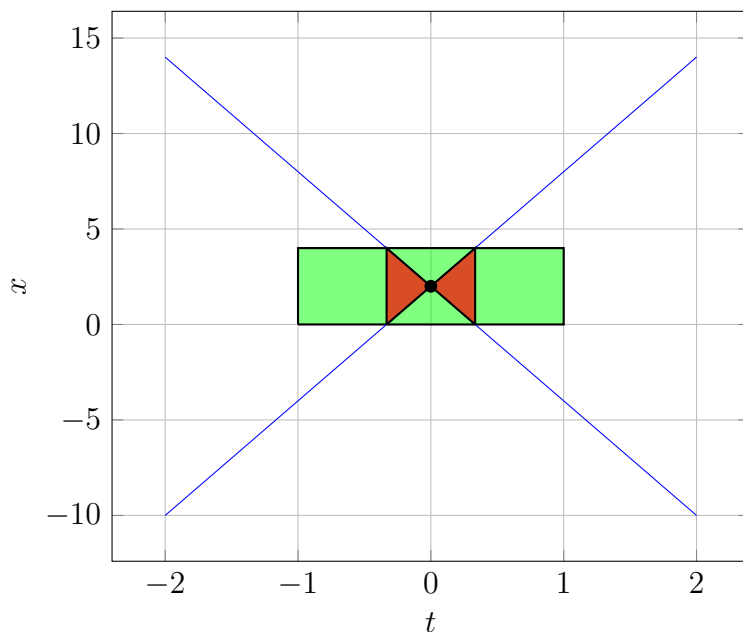
3. The point  $(p, q)$  is assumed to be interior to  $\mathcal{D}$  (not on the boundary).

We can therefore encase the point  $(0, p)$  in a rectangle in the  $tx$ -plane defined by  $R : [-r, r] \times [p - s, p + s] \subseteq \text{proj}_x \mathcal{D}$ ,  $r, s > 0$ . Draw two lines with slopes  $M$  and  $-M$  through the point. We will consider the “bowtie” region formed by the intersections of the lines with the rectangle, joining them oppositely, and the lines themselves. Call the  $x$ -intersections  $-h$  and  $h$ .

Define  $h := \min(r, \frac{s}{M}) > 0$ . This is to formally define the bowtie region and consider the two possible pictures depending on the size of  $M$ .

Now, we want to construct the solution of the differential equation within the bowtie region.

Whoopsies, there was a screwup here, proof to be fixed in the future.



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## 7 2/12/16: Separable and First-Order Linear Equations

### 7.1 Multiplicatively Separable Functions

$$F(t, x) = f(t)g(x)$$

A non-example of a separable function is  $F(t, x) = t^2 + x^2$ . An example is  $F(t, x) = t^2 x^3$ .

For our purposes, we will work with first-order ODE's with scalar functions.

## 7.2 Separable ODE

$$\boxed{x' = f(t)g(x)}$$

There are other ways we can write this equation:

- **General Form:**  $G(t, x, x') = 0$
- **Standard Form:**  $\phi(t)x' = F(t, x)$ 
  - **Regular Case:**  $x' = F(t, x)$ ,  $F$  is the “slope function”
  - **Singular Case:** This is when we solve in an interval  $(t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$  where  $\delta > 0$  and  $\phi(t_0) = 0$ .

To solve this type of equation:

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &\equiv f(t)g(x(t)) \\ \frac{x'(t)}{g(x(t))} &= f(t) \\ \int_a^t \frac{x'(\tau)}{g(x(\tau))} d\tau &= \int_a^t f(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $u = x(\tau)$  and  $du = x'(\tau) d\tau$ :

$$\underbrace{\int_{x(a)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{g(u)}}_{G(x(t))} = \underbrace{\int_a^t f(\tau) d\tau}_{F(t)}$$

$$\boxed{G(x(t)) = F(t)}$$

## 7.3 Example

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= t^2 x^3 \\ \frac{x'}{x^3} &= t^2 \\ \int \frac{dx}{x^3} &= \int t^2 dt + C \\ \frac{x^{-2}}{-2} &= \frac{t^3}{3} + C \\ x^{-2} &= C - \frac{2}{3}t^3 \\ x &= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{C - \frac{2}{3}t^3}} \end{aligned}$$

## 8 2/22/16: Separable Equations, First-Order Linear Equations; Uniqueness for $C^1$ IVP's

Recall our form for the separable equation:

$$x' = f(t)g(x)$$

Assume  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on their respective domains,  $f$  on  $I = (t_0 - a, t_0 + a)$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $g$  on  $J = (x_0 - b, x_0 + b)$ ,  $b > 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{R} = I \times J$ . If we also have  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , then we have an IVP (initial value problem) on our hands.

But the problem is,  $\frac{1}{g(x)}$  isn't necessarily continuous.

Separately, solve the algebraic equation  $g(x) = 0$  in the interval  $J$ . Assume for simplicity that the roots of  $g$  are isolated and  $C^\infty$  ("smooth"). Then, we can partition  $J$  into open subintervals  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n$ , i.e.

$$J = \{a, b, c, d\} \cup J_1 \cup J_2 \cup \dots \cup J_n$$

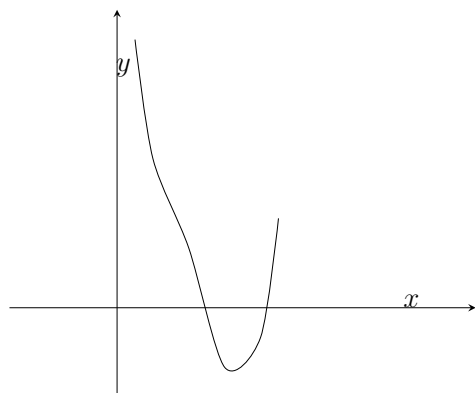
## 9 2/23/16: Uniqueness for $C^1$ IVP's

$$x' = f(t)g(x) \quad x = x(t)$$

$$x' \equiv f(t)g(x(t)) \text{ for all } t \in I$$

Assume:  $f, g$  have continuous derivatives on their respective domains. Then, all solutions are given as follows: Suppose  $g(x)$  has domain  $J$ . If  $a$  and  $b$  are consecutive isolated roots of  $g$ , we can solve on  $(a, b)$  as we did yesterday:

$$\underbrace{\int_c^{x(t)} \frac{1}{g(u)} du}_{G_c(x(t))} = \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t f(\tau) d\tau}_{F(t)} \quad \text{where } c \in (a, b) \text{ is arbitrary}$$



If  $a$  is a root of  $g$  (isolated or not) then claim:  $x(t) \equiv a$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  is a solution of the differential equation.

## 9.1 Uniqueness

Are these all the solutions, however?

A first-order IVP in standard form (the regular case):

$$x' = \underbrace{F(t, x)}_{\text{slope function}}, \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

Assumption:  $F$  is a  $C^1$  function ( $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$  are both continuous) on a rectangle centered at the initial point  $(t_0, x_0)$ . Then, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 9.1.** *If  $\phi(t)$  and  $\psi(t)$  are solutions of the IVP, defined on respective domains  $I_\delta = (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$  and  $I_\varepsilon = (t_0 - \varepsilon, t_0 + \varepsilon)$  where  $\delta > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then*

$$\phi(t) \equiv \psi(t)$$

for all  $t \in I_\eta = (t_0 - \eta, t_0 + \eta)$  where  $\eta > 0$ .

Basic outline for the proof:

$$\text{IVP} \quad x'(t) \equiv F(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$x(t) - x(t_0) = \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) \, d\tau$$

## 10 2/24/16: Uniqueness & Existence for $C^1$ IVP's

### 10.1 Autonomous Equations and the Time Shift Property

$$\begin{cases} x' = \sqrt{|x|} & (\text{autonomous} - \text{the independent variable makes no explicit appearance}) \\ x(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

One important property of an autonomous differential equation is that it is time-independent, i.e. if  $x = \phi(t)$  is a solution, then so is  $x = \psi(t) := \phi(t + c)$ . Without an initial condition, we have an infinite number of solutions.

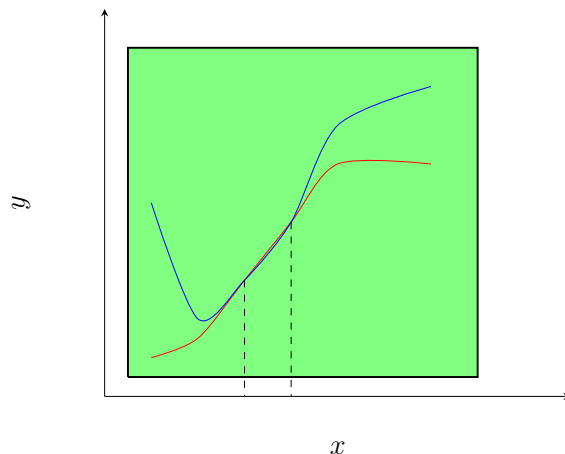
Let us try separation of variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{x(t)} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{|x|}} &= \int_0^t d\tau = t \\ \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_\varepsilon^{x(t)} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ 2u^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_\varepsilon^{x(t)} \\ &= 2\sqrt{x(t)} - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \\ &= 2\sqrt{x(t)} \\ x(t) &= \frac{t^2}{4} > 0 \quad (\text{assuming } t \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

We can similarly derive, for  $t \leq 0$ , that  $x(t) = -\frac{t^2}{4}$ . We can then construct our function:

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t^2}{4}, & t \geq 0 \\ -\frac{t^2}{4}, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

## 10.2 Unique Solutions



*Proof.* We begin by showing that our IVP is actually an integral equation.

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) \equiv F(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x'(\tau) &\equiv F(\tau, x(\tau)) \\ \int_{t_0}^t x'(\tau) d\tau &= \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau, \quad x(t) \text{ is continuous}$$

We have just proved one direction of equivalence. To prove the other direction, note that  $x(t)$  is differentiable, since all of its parts are continuous and differentiable. ■

## 11 2/25/16: Uniqueness/Existence for $C^1$ IVP's

We're assuming: for  $\delta > 0, \varepsilon > 0$ :

$$\phi : I_\delta := (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ satisfies } \phi'(t) \equiv F(t, \phi(t)), \phi(t_0) = x_0$$

$$\psi : I_\varepsilon := (t_0 - \varepsilon, t_0 + \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ satisfies } \psi'(t) \equiv F(t, \psi(t)), \psi(t_0) = x_0$$

We want to show that for some  $\eta > 0$ ,  $\phi(t) \equiv \psi(t)$  on  $I_\eta := (t_0 - \eta, t_0 + \eta)$ .

First, we introduce the following concept:

**Definition 11.1.** If  $f$  is a bounded real-valued function on a set  $\mathcal{S}$ , then its **sup-norm** is defined as:

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{S}} := \sup_{x \in \mathcal{S}} |f(x)|$$

If  $\mathcal{S}$  is a closed, bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f$  is continuous, then  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{S}} = \max_{x \in \mathcal{S}} |f(x)|$ , in which case is called the **max-norm**.

Note that:

- $\|f\|_{\mathcal{S}} \geq 0$
- $\|f\|_{\mathcal{S}} = 0$  iff  $f(x) \equiv 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$
- $\|\alpha f\|_{\mathcal{S}} = |\alpha| \|f\|_{\mathcal{S}}$
- $\|f + g\|_{\mathcal{S}} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{S}} + \|g\|_{\mathcal{S}}$  where  $f$  and  $g$  are defined and bounded on  $\mathcal{S}$ .

We claim that  $\|\phi - \psi\|_{I_{\eta}} \leq c \|\phi - \psi\|_{I_{\eta}}$ , where  $0 < c < 1$ . This would mean that  $\|\phi - \psi\|_{I_{\eta}} = 0$ , then  $\phi(t) - \psi(t) \equiv 0$  on  $I_{\eta}$  and  $\phi(t) = \psi(t)$  on  $I_{\eta}$ .

*Proof.* Note that

$$\phi(t) \equiv x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, \phi(\tau)) \, d\tau$$

for all  $t \in I_{\delta}$  and

$$\psi(t) \equiv x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, \psi(\tau)) \, d\tau$$

for all  $t \in I_{\varepsilon}$ . Both of these equations are true for all  $t \in I_{\min(\delta, \varepsilon)}$ .

Restrict  $t \in I_{\eta}$  where  $0 \leq \eta \leq \min(\delta, \varepsilon)$ . Subtracting these two equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\phi(t) - \psi(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t [F(\tau, \phi(\tau)) - F(\tau, \psi(\tau))] \, d\tau \right| \\
 &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t |F(\tau, \phi(\tau)) - F(\tau, \psi(\tau))| \, d\tau \right| \\
 \text{(MVT)} \quad &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t \underbrace{\left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x, \theta(\tau)) \right|}_{\leq M} |\phi(t) - \psi(t)| \, d\tau \right| \\
 &\leq M \left| \int_{t_0}^t \underbrace{|\phi(\tau) - \psi(\tau)|}_{\leq \|\phi - \psi\|_{I_{\eta}}} \, d\tau \right| \\
 &\leq M \|\phi - \psi\| (t - t_0) \leq M\eta \|\phi - \psi\|_{I_{\eta}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we simply pick  $\eta$  such that  $M\eta = c < 1$ , and we are done. ■

## 12 2/26/16: Existence

### 12.1 Transforming to an Integral Equation

Yesterday we proved the uniqueness of the solution of an IVP. Now we must prove the existence.

$$\begin{cases} x' = F(t, x), & x = x(t) \text{ is the unknown function} \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$C^1$  IVP  $\Leftrightarrow F(t, x)$  is  $C^1$  in some rectangle  $\mathcal{R}$  centered at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

Let us integrate our equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_0}^t x'(\tau) d\tau &= \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau \\ x(t) - x(t_0) &= x(t) - x_0 = \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

So now our problem/equation becomes:

- $x(t) \equiv x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$
- $x(t)$  is a continuous function of  $t$

Why do we need the continuity condition? If  $x(t)$  is a solution, then it is differentiable, which implies it is continuous.

Now we prove the opposite direction. To prove that  $x(t)$  is differentiable, note that  $f(t) = x_0$  is differentiable, and the integral is also differentiable (since its derivative is  $F(t, x(t))$ , which is continuous). Therefore, by algebra, the two statements are equivalent.

### 12.2 Picard's Method

Define

$$x_{n+1}(t) := x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) d\tau$$

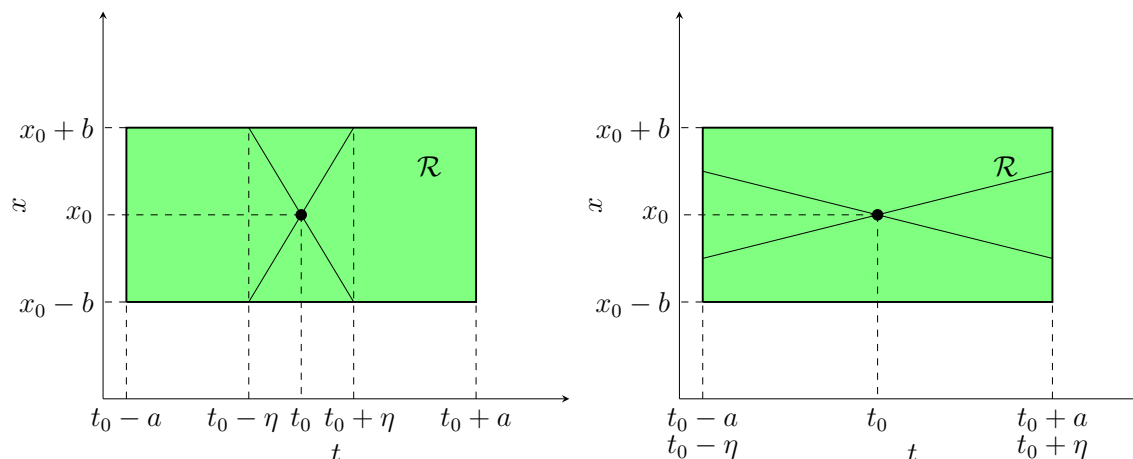
and

$$x_0(t) \equiv x_0 \quad \text{for all } t$$

In this section, we prove that for each  $t \in I_\eta$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t)$  exists, let's call it  $x(t)$ , and moreover:

- $x(t)$  is a continuous function of  $t$  on  $I_\eta$
- $x(t) \equiv x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$





Define  $M \geq \max_{(t,x) \in \mathcal{R}} |F(t,x)|$  (existence follows from EVT). Let  $\eta := \min(a, \frac{b}{M}) > 0$ . Assume  $M > 0$ ; if  $M = 0$ , then the IVP is  $x' \equiv 0$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$  has a solution:  $x(t) \equiv x_0$  for all  $t \in (t_0 - a, t_0 + a)$ .

## 13 2/29/16: Picard's Existence Proof, Continued...

Recapping: our base function is

$$x_0(t) \equiv x_0 \quad \text{for all } t \in I_\eta, \eta = \min\left(a, \frac{b}{M}\right) > 0$$

We need to choose the size of the rectangle for each function. In the example

$$\begin{cases} x' = t^2 + x^2 \\ x(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

We need to find some  $\eta > 0$  such that a solution is guaranteed to exist in  $(-\eta, \eta)$ . Let  $\mathcal{R} = [-T, T] \times [1-r, 1+r]$  be our rectangle. Then take  $M = T^2 + (1+r)^2$ , then  $|t^2 + x^2| \leq M$  when  $(t, x) \in \mathcal{R}$ .

### 13.1 Proving Well-Defined-ness

**Theorem 13.1.** *Each  $x_n$  is well-defined and continuous and satisfies  $|x_n(t) - x_0| \leq b$  for all  $t \in I_\eta$ .*

*Proof.* The base case is trivial. Now assume true for  $x_n(t)$ ; we now prove for  $x_{n+1}(t)$ . By assumption, the integrand  $F(\tau, x_n(\tau))$  is well-defined and continuous (and therefore Riemann integrable on  $I_\eta$ ) for all  $t \in I_\eta$ , which means the integral is well-defined. Therefore,  $x_{n+1}(t)$  is well-defined for all  $t \in I_\eta$ .

Also,  $x_{n+1}(t)$  is continuous on  $I_\eta$  by similar reasoning.

Now, we investigate  $|x_{n+1}(t) - x_0|$ . First, we claim that  $(\tau, x_n(\tau)) \in \mathcal{R}$  for any  $\tau$  between  $t_0$  and  $t$ . But

$$|\tau - t_0| \leq |t - t_0| \leq \eta \leq a$$

$$|x_n(\tau) - x_0| \leq b$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{n+1}(t) - x_0| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) \, d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t \underbrace{|F(\tau, x_n(\tau))|}_{\leq M} \, d\tau \right| \\ &\leq M|t - t_0| \leq M\eta \leq b \end{aligned}$$

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## 14 3/1/16: Finish Picard's Existence Proof

**Theorem 14.1.**

$$|x_{n+1}(t) - x_n(t)| \leq \frac{MK^n}{(n+1)!} |t - t_0|^{n+1}$$

for any  $n \geq 0$  and any  $t \in I_\eta$ , where  $K \geq \max_{(t,x) \in \mathcal{R}} \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(t, x) \right|$  (using the assumed  $C^1$ -ness of  $F$  on  $\mathcal{R}$ ).

*Proof.* We prove by induction. When  $n = 0$ :

$$|x_1(t) - x_0(t)| = |x_1(t) - x_0| = \left| \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_0) \, d\tau \right| \leq M|t - t_0| = \frac{MK^0}{(0+1)!} |t - t_0|^{0+1}$$

Now assume the hypothesis, we want to prove that

$$|x_{n+2}(t) - x_{n+1}(t)| \leq \frac{MK^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} |t - t_0|^{n+2}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{n+2}(t) - x_{n+1}(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_{n+1}) - F(\tau, x_n) \, d\tau \right| \\ (\text{MVT, for some } y_n \in [x_n, x_{n+1}]) &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(\tau, y_n)(x_{n+1} - x_n) \, d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(\tau, y_n) \right| |x_{n+1} - x_n| \, d\tau \right| \\ &\leq K \left| \int_{t_0}^t |x_{n+1} - x_n| \, d\tau \right| \\ &\leq K \left| \int_{t_0}^t \frac{MK^n}{(n+1)!} |t - t_0|^{n+1} \, d\tau \right| \\ &= \frac{MK^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} |t - t_0|^{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

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## 15 3/3/16

For any  $t \in I_\eta$ ,

$$|x_{n+p}(t) - x_n(t)| = |x_{n+p}(t) - x_{n+p-1}(t) + x_{n+p-1}(t) - x_{n+p-2}(t) + x_{n+p-2}(t) - \cdots - x_n(t)|$$

is bounded. By the Triangle Inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{n+p}(t) - x_n(t)| &\leq \sum_{j=n}^{n+p-1} |x_{j+1}(t) - x_j(t)| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=n}^{n+p-1} \frac{MK^j}{(j+1)!} |t - t_0|^{j+1} \\ &= \left(\frac{M}{K}\right) \sum_{j=n}^{n+p-1} \frac{(K|t - t_0|)^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{M}{K}\right) \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{(K|t - t_0|)^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{M}{K}\right) \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{(K\eta)^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \\ &= \left(\frac{M}{K}\right) \left( e^{K\eta} - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{(K\eta)^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have an upper bound for any two terms in our sequence.

Now if we take  $\|x_{n+p} - x_n\|_{I_\eta} = \sup_{t \in I_\eta} |x_{n+p}(t) - x_n(t)| \leq L$ , then send  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+p(n)} - x_n\|_{I_\eta} \leq 0$$

But this is also nonnegative, so it must be the case that the limit is zero, and thus this sequence is Cauchy.

## 16 3/4/16: Existence of Solutions, Continued

The last thing we proved was that  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in the space of continuous functions on  $I_\eta$ , denoted  $C^0(I_\eta)$ , under the sup-norm,  $\|f\|_{I_\eta} = \sup_{t \in I_\eta} |f(t)|$ . This means:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+p(n)} - x_n\|_{I_\eta} = 0 \text{ for any } \mathbb{N}\text{-valued function } p(n).$$

### 16.1 Metric Spaces

**Definition 16.1.** A *metric space*, denoted  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$ ,  $\mathcal{X} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $d$  is a “distance” function, must satisfy the following:

1.  $d : (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$
2.  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
3.  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
4.  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$

If we have a metric  $d$  on a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ , we can also require  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) = d(x, z)$  iff  $x$ - $y$ - $z$  ( $y$  is between  $x$  and  $z$ ) or  $x = y$  or  $y = z$ . To define betweenness:  $\vec{p}$ - $\vec{q}$ - $\vec{r}$  iff  $\vec{q} = (1 - t)\vec{p} + t\vec{r}$ .

Here, we define a metric on a vector space. Given a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ , a **norm** on  $\mathcal{V}$  is a real-valued function  $\|\cdot\|$  such that:

1.  $\|\vec{v}\| \geq 0$  and  $\|\vec{v}\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{v} = \vec{0}$  (Positive definiteness)
2.  $\|c\vec{v}\| = |c|\|\vec{v}\|$  (Absolute homogeneity)
3.  $\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$  (Triangle inequality)

This way, we can define

$$d(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) := \|\vec{v} - \vec{w}\|$$

## 16.2 Cauchy Sequences in Metric Spaces

In a metric space  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$ , a sequence of elements  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  if  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$  is called Cauchy if  $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\min(n, m) \rightarrow \infty$ .  
Not all Cauchy sequences converge. As an example, take

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{Q}, \quad d(q, \tilde{q}) = |q - \tilde{q}|$$

Take the sequence  $(3, 3.1, 3.14, 3.141, \dots)$ . This sequence is Cauchy since choosing two far-out values will differ very little. However, it converges to  $\pi$ , which is not in the metric space. Therefore, we call this an **incomplete metric space**.

## 17 3/7/16: Cauchy Sequences and Convergence in $\mathbb{R}$ and in $C^0([a, b])$

A sequence  $(t_n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is Cauchy if  $|t_n - t_m| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\min(n, m) \rightarrow \infty$ . More precisely,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N : n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |t_n - t_m| < \varepsilon$ .

We'd like to prove that every Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  converges to some  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 17.1.**  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot - \cdot|)$  is a **complete metric space**, i.e. every Cauchy sequence of real numbers converges to a real limit.

We make use of several lemmas. First, a definition:

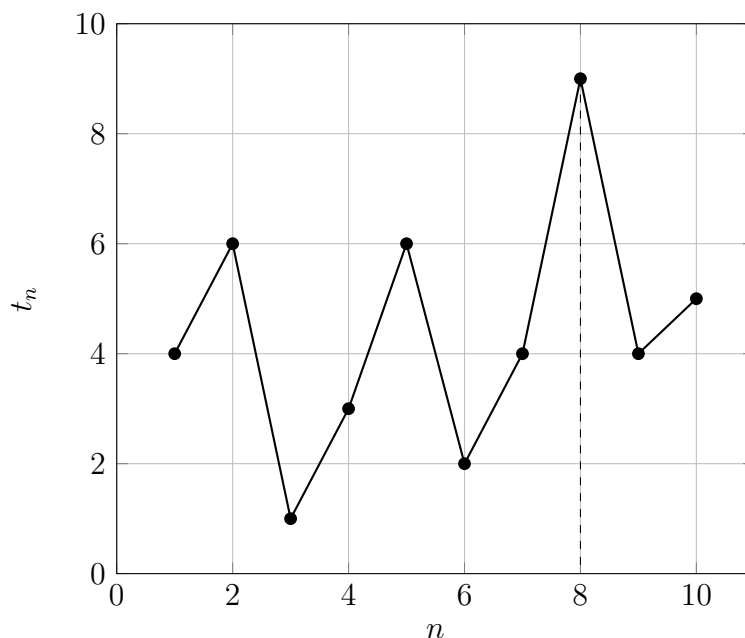
**Definition 17.1.** A **subsequence** of  $(t_n)$  is any sequence of the form  $(t_{k_n})$  where  $(k_n)$  is a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers:  $1 \leq k_1 < k_2 < \cdots < k_n < \cdots$

**Definition 17.2.** A sequence  $(u_n)$  is called monotone if either  $u_1 \leq u_2 \leq u_3 \leq \cdots \leq u_n \leq \cdots$  or  $u_1 \geq u_2 \geq u_3 \geq \cdots \geq u_n \geq \cdots$ .

**Lemma 17.1.** A subsequence of a subsequence of  $(t_n)$  is itself a subsequence of  $(t_n)$ .

**Lemma 17.2.** If  $(k_n)$  is a strictly increasing sequence in  $\mathbb{N}$ , then  $k_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In fact,  $k_n \geq n$ .

**Lemma 17.3** (Rising Sun Lemma). Every sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  has a monotone subsequence.



*Proof.* We call  $N$  a vista if  $t_N > t_{N+k}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . We consider two cases:

1. the set of vistas is infinite; call them  $N_1 < N_2 < N_3 < \cdots$ . Then,

$$t_{N_1} > t_{N_2} > t_{N_3} > \cdots$$

and we can take  $(t_{N_n})$  as our subsequence—this is strictly decreasing, so certainly monotone down.

2. the set of vistas is finite (including possibly empty). Then, let  $N$  be one more than the greatest among the vistas.  $N$  is not a vista, so  $\exists k_2 > k_1 = N : t_{k_2} \geq t_{k_1}$ .  $k_2$  is also not a vista, so  $\exists k_3 > k_2 : t_{k_3} \geq t_{k_2}$ . Then taking  $(t_{k_n})$ , we have our monotone subsequence.

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**Lemma 17.4.** *Every Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  (true in any metric space) is bounded:*

$$\exists M : |t_n| \leq M$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* By definition, we can choose some  $N$  such that

$$n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |t_n - t_m| < 1$$

Take  $m = N$ , then  $|t_n - t_N| < 1$ , and

$$|t_N| - 1 \leq |t_n| \leq |t_N| + 1 \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$|t_n| \leq \max(|t_1|, |t_2|, |t_3|, \dots, |t_{N-1}|)$$

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## 18 3/8/16: Completeness of $\mathbb{R}$ , $C^0([a, b])$

Previously we proved that every cauchy sequence is bounded. Now, we can prove that:

**Lemma 18.1.** *Every cauchy sequence has a convergent subsequence.*

*Proof.* A monotone subsequence of a cauchy sequence is bounded. We need to show that a bounded monotone sequence must converge to a finite limit.

Assume

$$a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \leq \dots \leq a_n \leq a_{n+1} \leq \dots \leq b$$

We claim that

$$l := \sup\{a_n | n \geq 1\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

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**Lemma 18.2.** *If a subsequence of a cauchy sequence converges to some limit  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the original sequence also converges to  $t$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $(t_n)$  has a subsequence  $(t_{k_n})$  s.t.  $t_{k_n} \rightarrow t$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq |t_n - t| &= |(t_n - t_{k_n}) + (t_{k_n} - t)| \\ &\leq |t_n - t_{k_n}| + |t_{k_n} - t| \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

By the squeeze theorem, the proof is complete.

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## 18.1 Putting it Together

Take the metric space

$$\mathcal{X} = C^0([a, b]) = \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous on } [a, b]\}$$

$$d(f, g) = \|f - g\|_I = \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |f(t) - g(t)|$$

We claim that if  $(f_n)$  is a sequence in  $C^0(I)$  that is cauchy  $[\|f_n - f_m\|_I \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \min n, m \rightarrow \infty]$ , then  $(f_n)$  converges to some function  $f \in C^0(I)$   $[\|f_n - f\|_I \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty]$ .

We must propose some limit function. For each  $t \in I$ , define

$$f(t) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t)$$

We can see that  $(f_n(t))$  converges in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$0 \leq |f_n(t) - f_m(t)| \leq \underbrace{\|f_n - f_m\|_I}_0 = \sup_{a \leq \tau \leq b} |f_n(\tau) - f_m(\tau)|$$

So we have our limit function,  $f(t)$ . However, we don't know yet if  $f(t)$  is continuous; we have point-wise convergence, but not yet uniform convergence.

## 19 3/9/16: Completeness of $C^0([a, b])$ ; Existence in the Flow Problem

Let  $(f_n)$  be a cauchy sequence in  $C^0(I)$  where  $I := [a, b]$ , so  $\|f_n - f_m\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\min(n, m) \rightarrow \infty$ . Define, for each  $t \in I$  separately,  $\sigma_t := (f_1(t), f_2(t), \dots, f_n(t), \dots)$ , a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We don't know yet, that

- The functions actually converge to  $f(t)$  ( $\|f_n - f\|_I \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), known as uniform convergence.
- $f(t)$  is continuous

As an example, consider:

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(t) &:= t^n \\ n &= 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ t &\in I = [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } t = 1 \end{cases}$$

Then,  $\forall t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $f_n(t) \rightarrow f(t)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We have point-wise convergence, but we do not have uniform convergence.

To prove continuity, we look at two points close together. Assuming continuity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(t) - f(\tilde{t})| &= |f(t) - f_n(t) + f_n(t) - f_n(\tilde{t}) + f_n(\tilde{t}) - f(\tilde{t})| \\
 &\leq |f(t) - f_n(t)| + |f_n(t) - f_n(\tilde{t})| + |f_n(\tilde{t}) - f(\tilde{t})| \\
 &\leq \|f - f_n\|_I + |f_n(t) - f_n(\tilde{t})| + \|f_n - f\|_I \\
 &= 2\|f - f_n\|_I + |f_n(t) - f_n(\tilde{t})|
 \end{aligned}$$

We can take  $\|f - f_n\|_I$  to be less than some fixed number  $\frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ , and we get that

$$|f(t) - f(\tilde{t})| < \varepsilon$$

For the other condition:

$$\|f_n - f_m\| \rightarrow 0$$

This is equivalent to saying

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N(\varepsilon) : \forall n, m \geq N(\varepsilon), \|f_n - f_m\| < \varepsilon$$

Taking limits on both sides:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f_m\| \leq \underbrace{\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon}_{\varepsilon}$$

$$\|f_n - f\|_I \leq \varepsilon \text{ for all } n \geq N(\varepsilon)$$

But by choosing  $\varepsilon$  small enough, then  $\|f_n - f\|_I \rightarrow 0$ .

## 20 3/10/16

Revisiting the Picard sequence, we now know that all such  $x_n \in C^0(I_\eta)$ . We also know that the Picard sequence is a Cauchy sequence in  $C^0(I_\eta)$ . We conclude that  $\exists$  a limit function  $x(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t)$  for all  $t \in I_\eta$ .

Now we show that  $x(t)$  solves our equation. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{n+1}(t) &= x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) \, d\tau \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1}(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) \, d\tau \\
 x(t) &= x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) \, d\tau
 \end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) \, d\tau = \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) \, d\tau$$



## 21 3/11/16: Fact that the Picard limit function solves the IVP; Extension to Vector IVP's; Linear IVP's

$\forall t \in I_\eta$ , we must prove:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) d\tau = \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$$

Examine the absolute difference between the integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau - \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) d\tau \right| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t (F(\tau, x(\tau)) - F(\tau, x_n(\tau))) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t |F(\tau, x(\tau)) - F(\tau, x_n(\tau))| d\tau \right| \\ &\leq K \left| \int_{t_0}^t |x(\tau) - x_n(\tau)| d\tau \right| \\ &\leq K \|x_n - x\|_{I_\eta} \left| \int_{t_0}^t d\tau \right| \\ &\leq K\eta \|x_n - x\|_{I_\eta} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, the integrals are equivalent, and thus we have finally proved Picard's method.

## 22 3/17/16: Domain of Solutions for Linear Equations; Solving First-Order Linear Equations (Regular Case)

### 22.1 First-Order $C^1$ Vector IVP's

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t)) \\ \vec{x}'(t) = \vec{F}(t, \vec{x}(t)) = \vec{F}(t, x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)) \\ \vec{x}(t_0) = \vec{x}_0 \end{cases}$$

To show that this has a unique solution, we can extend Picard's method:

$$\vec{x}_0(t) \equiv \vec{x}_0 \quad \text{for all } t \in I_\eta = [t_0 - \eta, t_0 + \eta], \eta = \min \left( a, \frac{b}{M} \right)$$

Our function now takes place in a box

$$\mathcal{B} = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [x_{01} - b, x_{01} + b] \times [x_{02} - b, x_{02} + b] \times \dots \times [x_{0n} - b, x_{0n} + b]$$

Here, we assume that

$$\frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x_n} \quad \text{are continuous on } \mathcal{B}$$

We take  $M \geq \|\vec{F}(t, \vec{x})\|$  for all  $(t, \vec{x}) \in \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

We also take  $K \geq \max\{\|\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1}(t, \vec{x})\|, \dots, \|\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n}(t, \vec{x})\|\}$

Now we wish to define the recursive step used in this method.

$$\vec{x}_{j+1}(t) := \vec{x}_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \vec{F}(\tau, \vec{x}_j(\tau)) d\tau \quad \text{for all } t \in I_\eta$$

The proof is similar.

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$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = a_{11}(t)x_1 + a_{12}(t)x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}(t)x_n + b_1(t) \\ x'_2 = a_{21}(t)x_1 + a_{22}(t)x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}(t)x_n + b_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x'_n = a_{n1}(t)x_1 + a_{n2}(t)x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}(t)x_n + b_n(t) \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 23.1.** *If  $a_{ij}(t)$  and  $b_j(t)$  are continuous in a time interval  $I$  for all  $i, j$ , then  $\vec{x}(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t))$  exists for all  $t \in I$ .*

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$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = a_{11}(t)x_1 + a_{12}(t)x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}(t)x_n + b_1(t) \\ x'_2 = a_{21}(t)x_1 + a_{22}(t)x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}(t)x_n + b_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x'_n = a_{n1}(t)x_1 + a_{n2}(t)x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}(t)x_n + b_n(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \vec{F}(t, \vec{x}(t)) = \mathbf{A}(t)\vec{x}(t) + \vec{b}(t)$$

Note that Picard's proof of existence & uniqueness of solutions for vector IVP's still works even if  $\vec{F}(t, \vec{x})$  isn't quite  $C^1$  on some box about  $(t_0, \vec{x}_0)$ , but satisfies a Lipschitz condition with respect to  $\vec{x}$ :

$$\|\vec{F}(t, \vec{x}) - \vec{F}(t, \vec{y})\| \leq K\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| \quad \text{for all } (t, \vec{x}), (t, \vec{y}) \in \mathcal{B}$$

where  $\mathcal{B} = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [x_{01} - b, x_{01} + b] \times [x_{02} - b, x_{02} + b] \times \dots \times [x_{0n} - b, x_{0n} + b]$ .

It suffices, if we wish to apply Picard's Theorem, to check that  $\frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x_n}$  are continuous in  $\mathcal{B}$ . (The partial w.r.t.  $t$  doesn't even need to be continuous.)

## 25 3/22/16: First-Order Linear Equation—in One Unknown (Regular Case)

### 25.1 Form of Linear Equation

The form of a linear equation is:

$$x' = F(t, x) = g(t)x + h(t) \quad \text{where } g, h \text{ are continuous on some interval } I = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a]$$

Here, the slope function is linear in  $x$ , but not necessarily in  $t$ .

### 25.2 Euler's method of integrating factors

$$\begin{aligned} x' - g(t)x &= h(t) && \text{(Let } u = u(t) \text{ be a function of } t \text{ TBD)} \\ \underbrace{ux' - (ug)x}_{u'} &= h \\ ux' + u'x &= u'x + h \\ (ux)' &= uh \end{aligned}$$

The problem then becomes finding such a  $u$  such that

$$u' = -gu$$

Solving this differential equation, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} u' &= -gu \\ (\ln u)' &= \frac{u'}{u} = -g(t) \\ \ln u &= -\int_{t_0}^t g(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$u = \exp \left\{ -\int_{t_0}^t g(\tau) d\tau \right\} = e^{-\int_{t_0}^t g(\tau) d\tau}$$

Going back to our equation:

$$\begin{aligned} (ux)' &= uh = h(t) \exp \left\{ -\int_{t_0}^t g(\tau) d\tau \right\} \\ u(t)x(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t h(\theta) \exp \left\{ -\int_{t_0}^{\theta} g(\tau) d\tau \right\} d\theta + C \\ x(t) &= \exp \left\{ \int_{t_0}^t g(\tau) d\tau \right\} \left[ C + \int_{t_0}^t h(\theta) \exp \left\{ -\int_{t_0}^{\theta} g(\tau) d\tau \right\} d\theta \right] \end{aligned}$$

**Example.** Solve  $x' = (2t)x - (1 + t)$ , given  $t_0 = 0$ .

We first find  $u$ :

$$u(t) = \exp - \int_0^t 2\tau d\tau = e^{-t^2}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x' - (2t)x &= -(1+t) \\
 ux' - (2t)ux &= -u(1+t) \\
 (ux)' &= -(1+t)e^{-t^2} \\
 ux &= -\int_0^t (1+\theta)e^{-\theta^2} d\theta + C \\
 x(t) &= Ce^{t^2} - e^{t^2} \int_0^t (1+\theta)e^{-\theta^2} d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

## 26 3/23/16: First-Order Linear Equations—Singular Case

### 26.1 Singular Case

$$f(t)x' + g(t)x = h(t)$$

We are interested in solving this equation near  $t_0$ , such that  $f(t_0) = 0$ .  $f, g, h$  are defined and “nice” in some interval  $I$ . We cannot simply write the linear equation in the regular case, since  $f(t)$  might be zero at some point.

We must find the solutions  $x(t)$  in some punctured interval:

$$(t_0 - \varepsilon, t_0) \cup (t_0, t_0 + \varepsilon)$$

Take  $h(t) \equiv 0$ , and assume that  $g(t)$  is analytic with radius of convergence  $R > 0$

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n(t-t_0)^n, \text{ convergent if } |t-t_0| < R$$

Also assume that

$$f(t) = (t-t_0) \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(t-t_0)^n}_{a(t)}, \text{ convergent if } |t-t_0| < R$$

The unusual form for  $f(t)$  is due to the fact that the constant term of the power series must be 0.

### 26.2 Finding a Nonzero Solution

We can search for a solution in the form

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(t-t_0)^n$$

where  $(c_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is to be determined.

To make it easier for ourselves, we can define functions that will shift the  $t$  axis:

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &:= x(t + t_0) \\ \tilde{f}(t) &:= f(t + t_0) \\ \tilde{g}(t) &:= g(t + t_0)\end{aligned}$$

So our equation becomes:

$$\tilde{f}(t)y' + \tilde{g}(t)y = 0$$

Therefore, WLOG we can assume that  $t_0 = 0$ . So now we have

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n t^n \\ f(t) &= t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n \\ g(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n t^n\end{aligned}$$

We can calculate  $x'(t)$  to be

$$x'(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n c_n t^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n t^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) c_{n+1} t^n$$

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Let us assume that  $g(0) \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}ta(t)x' + g(t)x &= 0 \\ tx' &= \frac{g(t)}{a(t)}x = 0 \\ tx' + b(t)x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

where  $b(t)$  is analytic at  $t = 0$ , with a radius of convergence of  $R_1 > 0$ . We need to show that  $b(t)$  is analytic.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{g(t)}{a(t)} &= \frac{b_0 + b_1 t + b_2 t^2 + \dots}{a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + \dots} \\ &= \frac{1}{a_0} \frac{b_0 + b_1 t + b_2 t^2 + \dots}{1 + \left(\frac{a_1}{a_0}\right)t + \left(\frac{a_2}{a_0}\right)t^2 + \dots} \\ &= \frac{1}{a_0} g(t) \frac{1}{1 + J} \\ &= \frac{g(t)}{a_0} (1 - J + J^2 - J^3 + \dots)\end{aligned}$$

Plugging back in  $J$ , we get a power series, showing that  $b(t)$  is analytic.

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$$1 - \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{a_k}{a_0} t^k \right) + \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{a_k}{a_0} t^k \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{a_k}{a_0} t^k \right)^3 + \dots$$

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**Lemma 29.1.** Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$  have radius of convergence  $R_1 > 0$ , and let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n t^n$  have radius of convergence  $R_2 > 0$ .

Then

$$\left( \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n t^n \right) \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n t^n \right) = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n$$

is convergent for  $|t| < R := \min(R_1, R_2)$ .

Here,  $c_n = \sum_{j=0}^n a_{n-j} b_j = a_n b_0 + a_{n-1} b_1 + a_{n-2} b_2 + \dots + a_0 b_n$ .

Let us look at

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n t^n \right)^k &= \left( \sum_{n_1 \geq 0} a_{n_1} t^{n_1} \right) \left( \sum_{n_2 \geq 0} a_{n_2} t^{n_2} \right) \dots \left( \sum_{n_k \geq 0} a_{n_k} t^{n_k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( \sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = n} a_{n_1} a_{n_2} \dots a_{n_k} \right) t^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_{n,k} t^n \end{aligned}$$

The radius of convergence for this new series is the same as that of the original series.

**29.1 Rewriting Our Differential Equation**

$$tx' + \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} \beta_n t^n \right) x = 0$$

Fact: this equation has solutions of the form

$$x(t) = |t|^r \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n$$

**30 3/30/16: Theorems on Power Series, etc.**

**Theorem 30.1.** Suppose  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$  has radius of convergence  $R > 0$ . Then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n t^n|$  converges, provided  $t \in (-R, R)$ , i.e. any power series with a positive radius of convergence is actually absolutely convergent in the interior of its interval of convergence.

*Proof.* Choose some value  $r$  such that  $0 \leq |t| < r < R$ . We claim that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n$  converges, because  $r \in (-R, R)$ . By the Divergence Test,  $a_n r^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Any vanishing sequence is necessarily bounded, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \exists M \geq 0 : |a_n r^n| &\leq M \\ |a_n| &\leq M r^{-n} \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n t^n| &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| |t|^n \leq M \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^{-n} |t|^n \\ &= M \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{|t|}{r} \right)^n \\ &< \infty \end{aligned}$$

The last sum is a geometric series with common ratio  $\frac{|t|}{r} \in [0, 1)$ . By the Comparison test, the smaller series converges, and we are done. ■

**Theorem 30.2.** Suppose  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $(b_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are mutual rearrangements, i.e.  $\exists$  a one-to-one function  $p : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall n, b_n = a_{p(n)}, a_m = b_{p^{-1}(m)}$ . Then, if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely

convergent, then so is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ .

*Proof.* Define

$$\mathcal{S} = \{a_{n_1} + a_{n_2} + \cdots + a_{n_k} \mid n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

Note that  $\mathcal{S} \neq \emptyset$ .

We claim that  $\mathcal{S}$  is bounded. Choose any  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ . We'll show:  $|x| \leq A := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$ .

Say  $x = a_{n_1} + a_{n_2} + \cdots + a_{n_k}$ . By the Triangle Inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} x \leq |x| &\leq |a_{n_1}| + |a_{n_2}| + \cdots + |a_{n_k}| \\ &\leq |a_1| + |a_2| + \cdots + |a_N| \quad \text{where } N = \max(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) \\ &\leq |a_1| + |a_2| + \cdots = A \end{aligned}$$

Let  $a := \sup \mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}$ ; in fact  $a \leq A$ . Let  $A_n := a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n$ ; note that  $A_n \in \mathcal{S}$ .

$$A_n \leq a \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \leq a$$

Define  $B_n := b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_n$ , note that  $B_n \in \mathcal{S}$ . So  $B_n \leq a$ .

Define  $\tilde{B}_n := |b_1| + |b_2| + \cdots + |b_n| \leq A$ . Therefore the  $b_n$  series is absolutely convergent. ■

### 31 4/4/16: Series Solutions

Recall, we want to solve  $tx' + b(t)x = 0$ , where  $b(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \beta_n t^n$  is analytic, with radius  $R > 0$

(so converges when  $|t| < R$ ).

Test case:  $b(t) = \beta_0$  (a constant). WLOG, can assume  $\beta_0 \neq 0$ .

$$tx' + \beta_0 x = 0$$

Consider when  $t > 0$ . We claim that there is a solution of the form  $x(t) = t^r$ ; plugging this in:

$$rt^r + \beta_0 t^r \equiv 0$$

$$(r + \beta_0)t^r \equiv 0$$

so our solution is  $x(t) = t^{-\beta_0}$ .

Now consider when  $t < 0$ . Then  $x(t) = (-t)^r$  (so then  $tx' = r(-t)^r$ ):

$$r(-t)^r + \beta_0(-t)^r \equiv 0$$

$$(r + \beta_0)(-t)^r \equiv 0$$

so our solution here is  $(-t)^{-\beta_0}$ .

Combining these two solutions, we get our solution:

$$x(t) = |t|^{-\beta_0} \quad \text{for } t \neq 0$$

Our general solution turns out to be:

$$x(t) = c|t|^{-\beta_0} \quad \text{for } 0 < |t| < R$$

Now, what happens if  $b(t)$  does not have such a nice form?

Ansatz:

$$x(t) = |t|^r \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n$$

Let us restrict our solution to  $t > 0$  to drop the absolute value sign.

$$x(t) = t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n$$

$$x'(t) = rt^{r-1} \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n + t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} n c_n t^{n-1}$$

$$tx'(t) = rt^r \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n + t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} n c_n t^n = t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} (r + n) c_n t^n$$

$$b(t)x(t) = t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} \beta_n t^n \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n = t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_{n-j} c_j \right) t^n$$



Putting this in our differential equation:

$$t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} \left[ (r+n)c_n + \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_{n-j} c_j \right] t^n \equiv 0$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \left[ (r+n)c_n + \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_{n-j} c_j \right] t^n \equiv 0$$

This is a power series, and since it is identically zero, its coefficients must all be zero as well.

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For  $t > 0$ , we want a solution of the form  $x(t) = t^r \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n$ . We found that we must have

$$\forall n \geq 0 : \quad (n+r)c_n + \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_{n-j} c_j = 0$$

Consider when  $n > 0$ :

$$(n - \beta_0)c_n + \beta c_n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \beta_{n-j} c_j = 0$$

$$c_n = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \beta_{n-j} c_j = -\left( \frac{c_0 \beta_{n-1} + c_1 \beta_{n-2} + \cdots + c_{n-1} \beta_0}{n} \right)$$

**Theorem 32.1.** *If we define  $(c_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  recursively by*

$$c_0 := 1, \quad c_n := -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \beta_{n-j} c_j$$

*then:*

1.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n t^n$  converges for all  $t \in (-R, R)$
2. the function  $x(t) := |t|^{-\beta_0} \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n t^n$  satisfies  $tx' + b(t)x = 0$  for all  $t \in (-R, R) \setminus \{0\}$

## 33 4/13/16: Linear Equations with Constant Coefficients

### 33.1 Summary

1. Separable Equations:  $x' = f(t)g(x)$

2. **First-Order Linear Equation, regular case:**  $x' = f(t)x + g(t)$
3. **First-Order Linear Equation, singular case:**  $tx' = f(t)x + g(t)$
4. **Second-Order Linear Equation, regular case:**  $x'' = f(t)x' + g(t)x + h(t)$
5. **Second-Order Linear Equation, singular case:**  $t^2x'' = tf(t)x' + g(t)x + h(t)$

### 33.2 Solving

Let  $L[x]$  be an **operator** such that

$$L[x] = ax'' + bx' + cx$$

where  $x = x(t)$ . The equation in question we want to solve is:

$$L[x] = h(t)$$

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$$L[x] = ax'' + bx' + c$$

This is a linear differential operator of order 2 with constant coefficients. Note that a linear operator satisfies

$$F(s\psi + t\phi) = sF(\psi) + tF(\phi)$$

The domain of the operator  $L$  is

$$C^2(\mathbb{R}) = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f'' \text{ exists and is continuous}\}$$

Codomain of  $L$ :  $C^0(\mathbb{R})$

### 34.1 Homogeneous and Inhomogeneous

The **homogeneous** equation looks like

$$L[x] = 0$$

### 34.2 Finding a Solution

$$ax'' + bx' + cx = 0$$

TRY  $x(t) = e^{rt}$ !!!

$$L[e^{rt}] = \underbrace{(ar^2 + br + c)}_{P_L(r) \text{ (characteristic polynomial)}} e^{rt}$$

$$P_L(r) = 0$$

$$r \in \{r^-, r^+\}$$

What happens when  $r$  is complex:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(\alpha+i\beta)t} &= e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta t} \\ &= e^{\alpha t} [\cos(\beta t) + i \sin(\beta t)] \end{aligned}$$

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**Definition 35.1.** Two functions  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  on a common domain  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  (an interval) are said to be independent if  $\neg \exists c \in \mathbb{R} : \psi = c\phi$ , i.e.  $\frac{\psi}{\phi}$  is nonconstant on  $I$ .

We claim that if  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are two independent solutions, then the set of all possible solutions of  $L[x] = 0$  is

$$\{r\psi + s\phi \mid r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

The question becomes: can the quadratic yield suitable solutions?

- **Case 1:**  $\Delta := b^2 - 4ac > 0$

Then  $\exists$  two real roots,  $r_1 \neq r_2$ :

$$r_1 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}, \quad r_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

Then we have  $\psi(t) = e^{r_1 t}$  and  $\phi(t) = e^{r_2 t}$ , both real-valued functions. We can easily see that they are linearly independent.

- **Case 2:**  $\Delta < 0$

$$r_1 = \frac{-b - i\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2a}, \quad r_2 = \frac{-b + i\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2a}$$

Our solutions here are  $\Psi(t) = e^{r_1 t}$  and  $\Phi(t) = e^{r_2 t}$ .

Write  $\alpha := -\frac{b}{2a}, \beta := \frac{\sqrt{|\Delta|}}{2a}$ . Expanding our functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(t) &= (e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t) - i(e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t) \\ \Phi(t) &= (e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t) + i(e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t) \end{aligned}$$

- **Case 3:**  $\Delta = 0$ ,  $\exists$  a repeated root,  $r_1 = -\frac{b}{2a}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L[e^{rt}] &\equiv p_L(r)e^{rt} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} L[e^{rt}] &\equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [p_L(r)e^{rt}] \\ L\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(e^{rt})\right] &\equiv p_L(r)te^{rt} + p'_L(r)e^{rt} \\ L[te^{rt}] &\equiv [tp_L(r) + p'_L(r)]e^{rt} \\ &\equiv 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, our two real-valued solutions are  $\psi(t) = e^{rt}$  and  $\phi(t) = te^{rt}$ .

## 36 4/18/16: Determination of the General Solution

Recall:

$$L[x] = ax'' + bx' + cx$$

where  $L : C^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^0(\mathbb{R})$

**Theorem 36.1.** *If  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are linearly independent real-valued solutions of  $L[x] = 0$ , then every solution  $X(t)$  of  $L[x] = 0$  can be written as*

$$X(t) \equiv r\psi(t) + s\phi(t)$$

where  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Proving that  $X(t)$  is a solution is trivial:

$$L[r\psi + s\phi] = rL[\psi] + sL[\phi] \equiv 0$$

To prove the other direction, we set up an IVP:

$$\begin{aligned} ax'' + bx' + c &= 0 \\ x(0) &= X(0) \\ x'(0) &= X'(0) \end{aligned}$$

By the Picard Theorem, there is exactly one solution, namely  $x(t) = X(t)$ .

Our initial data gives us:

$$\begin{cases} r\psi(0) + s\phi(0) &= X(0) \\ r\psi'(0) + s\phi'(0) &= X'(0) \end{cases}$$

This is simply a system of 2 equations in  $r$  and  $s$ , which will have a solution if the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} \psi(0) & \phi(0) \\ \psi'(0) & \phi'(0) \end{vmatrix}$$

is nonzero at  $t = 0$ . It suffices to show that this is the case.

Define the **Wronskian** of  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  to be

$$W(t) = W(\psi, \phi)(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \psi(t) & \phi(t) \\ \psi'(t) & \phi'(t) \end{vmatrix} = \psi(t)\phi'(t) - \psi'(t)\phi(t)$$

We first show that  $W(t)$  is not identically zero (always zero).

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \psi\phi' - \phi'\psi \\ W' &= \psi\phi'' - \psi''\phi \\ aW' &= \psi(a\phi'') - (a\psi'')\phi \\ bW &= \psi(b\phi') - (b\psi')\phi \\ aW' + bW &= \phi(-c\phi) - (-c\psi)\phi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have an differential equation in  $W$ :  $aw' + bw = 0$ . The solution of this equation is  $w = ce^{-\frac{bt}{a}}$ . However,  $c \neq 0$  because otherwise,  $W(t)$  would be identically zero, and we just showed that it can't happen. Therefore,  $W(t)$  is always nonzero, and then  $W(0) \neq 0$ . ■

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### 37.1 Inhomogeneous Equation

We have found the solution for  $x$  in  $L[x] = 0$ , now we seek to find solution for  $x$  in  $L[x] = f(t)$ . Note that  $f(t)$  doesn't have to be too nice, it just has to be nice enough, as long as it is Riemann Integrable. For simplicity's sake, we can restrict  $f$  to a piecewise continuous, and the domain of  $f$  is on some interval  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , and we're trying to find a solution  $x(t)$  on  $I$ .

#### 37.1.1 Form of the Solution Set

The solution set of  $L[x] = f$  is:

$$\{\psi_p + y \mid L[y] = 0\}$$

where  $L[\psi_p] = f$ . We have to show two things for the bi-conditional:

1. all functions of the form  $\psi_p + y$  is a solution to  $L[x] = f$
2. all solution of  $L[x]$  is of the form  $\psi_p + y$

Let us first show that  $\psi_p + y$  satisfies  $L[x] = f$  for any  $y$  satisfying  $L[y] = 0$ . This is easy to prove, we just use the linearity of  $L$ :

$$L[\psi_p + y] = L[\psi_p] + L[y] = f + 0 = f$$

Now we have to go the other direction. We have to show that any function  $x$  such that  $L[x] = f$  can be expressed as  $\psi_p + y$  for some  $y$  with  $L[y] = 0$ .

Let us define  $y := x - \psi_p$ . We must show that  $L[y] = 0$ . Once again let us use the linearity of  $L$ :

$$L[y] = L[x - \psi_p] = L[x] - L[\psi_p] = f - f = 0$$

The result of this theorem is that we now only have to find one particular solution to  $L[x] = f$ , and once we have that we can generate the solution set to the non-homogeneous equation:

$$\{\psi_p + r\psi + s\phi \mid r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

where  $\psi_p$  is a particular solution of  $L[x] = f$  and  $\psi, \phi$  are linearly independent solutions of the reduced equation.

#### 37.1.2 Finding $\psi_p$

There are two methods of finding the solution:

1. Variation of Parameters – works for any Riemann Integrable function  $f$ .

2. Methods of Undetermined Coefficients – No integration is required, but only works for  $f(t)$  in the form of:

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) e^{\sigma_k t} \text{trig}_k(\beta_k t)$$

Where  $\text{trig}_k \in \{\sin, \cos\}$

### 37.1.3 Variation of Parameters

Ansatz: Try for a solution of the form  $x = u\psi + v\phi$  where  $u, v$  are unknown functions of  $t$  (to be determined) and  $\psi, \phi$  are the two linearly independent solutions of  $L[x] = 0$ , which we know how to find.

Given the form, let us calculate  $x'$  and  $x''$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= u\psi + v\phi \\ x' &= u\psi' + u'\psi + v\phi' + v'\phi \\ x'' &= u\psi'' + 2u'\psi' + u''\psi + v\phi'' + 2v'\phi' + v''\psi \\ &= (u\psi'' + v\phi'') + (u''\psi + v''\phi) + 2(u'\psi' + v'\phi') \end{aligned}$$

Let us set  $L[x] = f = ax'' + bx' + cx$ , which looks like:

$$f = a(u\psi'' + v\phi'') + a(u''\psi + v''\phi) + 2a(u'\psi' + v'\phi') + bu\psi' + bu'\psi + bv\phi' + bv'\phi + cu\psi + cv\phi$$

Note that with some factoring, things begin to die:

$$\begin{aligned} f &= uL[\psi] + vL[\phi] + a(u''\psi + v''\phi) + 2a(u'\psi' + v'\phi') + b(u'\psi + v'\phi) \\ &= a(u''\psi + v''\phi) + 2a(u'\psi' + v'\phi') + b(u'\psi + v'\phi) \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume for the sake of argument that  $u'\psi + v'\phi \equiv 0$ . If we differentiate this, we get:

$$(u''\psi + v''\phi) + (u'\psi' + v'\phi') \equiv 0$$

note that both of these shows up in our definition for  $f$ , if we plug in this relationship we get:

$$f = a(u'\psi' + v'\phi')$$

Now we just have to find  $u', v'$  satisfying:

$$\begin{cases} u'\psi + v'\phi \equiv 0 \\ \psi'u' + \phi'v' = f/a \end{cases}$$

this is a system of two linear equations, we know that there is a unique solution because  $W(t) \neq 0$ . To solve this, let us multiply the top equation by  $\phi'$  and the bottom equation by  $\psi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\phi'u' + \phi\phi'v' &= 0 \\ \phi\psi'u' + \phi\phi'v' &= \frac{1}{a}\phi f \end{aligned}$$

## 38 4/22/16: $n$ -th Order LDE's with Constant Coefficients—Homogeneous Case

$$L[x] = a_0x^{(n)} + a_1x^{(n-1)} + a_2x^{(n-2)} + \cdots + a_{n-1}x' + a_nx$$

$$a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

Homogeneous LDE based on:  $L[x] = 0$ .

**Theorem 38.1.** *The solution set*

$$L^{-1}[0] := \{x \in C^n(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \mid L[x] = 0\}$$

is a subspace of  $C^n(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ , in that it is closed under addition and scaling. That is, if  $x_1, x_2 \in L^{-1}[0]$ , then  $x_1 + x_2 \in L^{-1}[0]$  and  $cx_1 \in L^{-1}[0]$  for  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Our task now is to find  $n$  linearly independent real-valued solutions  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n$  of  $L[x] = 0$ .

$$L[e^{rt}] = (a_0r^n + a_1r^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1}r + a_n)e^{rt} = p_L(r)e^{rt}$$

Let us see what happens if we have polymultiplicative roots. Let

$$p_L(r) = a_0(r - r_1)^{m_1} \cdots (r - r_k)^{m_k} ((r - \alpha_1)^2 + \beta_1^2)^{n_1} \cdots ((r - \alpha_j)^2 + \beta_j^2)^{n_j}$$

Claim: For each real root  $r_l$  or  $p_L$ , we have  $m_l$  distinct solutions, as follows:

$$(e^{r_l t}, t e^{r_l t}, t^2 e^{r_l t}, \dots, t^{m_l-1} e^{r_l t})$$

To show that this is the case, we first introduce the **Leibniz Rule**:

$$(fg)^{(n)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(n-k)} g^{(k)}$$

which can be easily proved by induction.

$$\begin{aligned} L[e^{rt}] &= p_L(r)e^{rt} \\ L[e^{r_l t}] &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^\mu}{\partial r^\mu} L[e^{rt}] &= \frac{\partial^\mu}{\partial r^\mu} [p_L(r)e^{rt}] \\ L \left[ \frac{\partial^\mu}{\partial r^\mu} \right] &= \sum_{\nu=0}^{\mu} x \binom{\mu}{\nu} p_L^{(\mu-\nu)}(r) \{e^{rt}\}^{(\nu)} \end{aligned}$$

### 39 5/3/16: Constant-Coefficient Linear Equations, Order $n$ —Homogeneous Case

$$L[x] = ax'' + bx' + cx = f(t), \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0$$

The general solution of the inhomogeneous equation  $L[x] = f$  is

$$L^{-1}[f] = \{\psi_p + r\psi + s\phi \mid r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

where  $\psi_p$  is a particular solution, i.e.,  $L[\psi_p] = f$ , and  $\psi, \phi$  are linearly independent solutions of  $L[x] = 0$ .

Now we consider the case of order  $n$ :

$$L[x] = a_0x^{(n)} + a_1x^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_{n-1}x' + a_nx$$

$$(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}; a_0 \neq 0$$

To find our general solution:

$$L^{-1}[0] = \{x \in PC^n(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \mid L[x] = 0\}$$

where  $PC^n(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) = \{\text{piecewise } n\text{-differentiable functions } \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ .

It turns out that  $\exists n$  linearly independent solutions  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n$  (real-valued), and

$$L^{-1}[0] = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}(\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n) = \{c_1\psi_1 + c_2\psi_2 + \cdots + c_n\psi_n \mid c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

These solutions are the fundamental solutions.

$$L[e^{rt}] = p_L(r)e^{rt}$$

$$= (a_0r^n + a_1r^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1}r + a_n)e^{rt}$$

For any real root  $\rho$  of  $p_L$  (if any exist), and if  $\text{mult}(\rho; p_L) = k \geq 1$ ,  $\rho$  will contribute the following  $k$  fundamental solutions:  $t^{j-1}e^{\rho t}$ , where  $1 \leq j \leq k$ . To show that these are solutions:

$$L[e^{rt}] \equiv p_L(r)e^{rt}$$

$$\frac{\partial^j}{\partial r^j} L[e^{rt}] \equiv \frac{\partial^j}{\partial r^j} \{p_L(r)e^{rt}\}$$

$$L\left[\frac{\partial^j}{\partial r^j} e^{rt}\right] \equiv \sum_{\mu=0}^j \binom{j}{\mu} p_L^{(j-\mu)}(r) t^\mu e^{rt}$$

$$L[t^j e^{\rho t}] \equiv 0$$

### 40 5/4/16: Finding Fundamental Solutions; Their Linear Independence

For any pair of nonreal conjugate roots,  $\alpha + i\beta$ , of multiplicity  $m$ , generate  $2m$  distinct solutions, namely:

$$e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t, t e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t, t^2 e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t, \dots, t^{m-1} e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t$$



$$e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t, t e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t, t^2 e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t, \dots, t^{m-1} e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t$$

First, we prove that all the complex-valued solutions are linearly independent.

$$p_L(r) = (r - r_1)^{m_1} (r - r_2)^{m_2} \cdots (r - r_k)^{m_k}$$

where  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k$  are the distinct complex roots.

Let

$$\phi_{ij}(t) := t^{j-1} e^{r_i t}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq m_i$$

**Theorem 40.1.** *The  $n$  functions  $\phi_{ij}$  are complex linearly independent, i.e.*

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq m_i}} c_{ij} \phi_{ij} = 0 \rightarrow c_{ij} = 0$$

*Proof.* Consider the polynomial

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \left[ \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} c_{ij} t^{j-1}}_{P_i(t)} \right] e^{r_i t} \equiv 0$$

Assume for contradiction that some  $c_{ij}$  is nonzero. So at least one  $P_i$  is not identically 0, i.e.  $\deg P_i \geq 0$ . WLOG let this be  $P_k(t)$ . Then,

$$P_1(t) e^{r_1 t} + P_2(t) e^{r_2 t} + \cdots + P_k(t) e^{r_k t} \equiv 0$$

$$P_1(t) + P_2(t) e^{(r_2 - r_1)t} + \cdots + P_k(t) e^{(r_k - r_1)t} \equiv 0$$

Differentiating with respect to  $t$  exactly  $m_1$  times:  $(Q_2(t) = (r_2 - r_1)P_2(t) + P_2'(t))$

$$Q_2(t) e^{r_2 t} + Q_3(t) e^{r_3 t} + \cdots + Q_k(t) e^{r_k t} \equiv 0$$

We can iterate this process and finally get

$$S_k(t) e^{r_k t} \equiv 0$$

But this is false, since we assumed that it was nonzero. ■

## 41 5/5/16: Linear Independence of the Fundamental Solutions

### 41.1 Real Linear Independence of the Real-Valued Fundamental Solutions

Consider

$$(e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t) + i(e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t) = e^{(\alpha + \beta i)t} = \phi_{ij}$$

$$(e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t) - i(e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t) = e^{(\alpha - \beta i)t} = \phi_{i\hat{j}}$$

We claim that

$$rf + sg = \left( \frac{r + is}{2} \right) (f + ig) + \left( \frac{r - is}{2} \right) (f - ig)$$

but the fractions are zero, so  $r, s = 0$ , therefore the solutions are linearly independent.

## 42 5/6/16: The fundamental solutions span the (real-valued) solution space.

$$L[x] = 0 \quad \text{where } L[x] = a_0x^{(n)} + a_1x^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_nx$$

Let us pick some arbitrary real-valued solution,  $X \in L^{-1}[0]$ . Our initial data is:

$$\begin{cases} x(0) &= X(0) \\ x'(0) &= X'(0) \\ x''(0) &= X''(0) \\ \vdots &= \vdots \\ x^{(n-1)} &= X^{(n-1)}(0) \end{cases}$$

Via from manipulation, by Picard's Theorem, the set  $\mathcal{S}$  of all real-valued solutions of the differential equation is a singleton set.

**Theorem 42.1.**  $\exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\psi(t) = c_1\psi_1(t) + c_2\psi_2(t) + \cdots + c_n\psi_n(t)$$

satisfies our differential equation. So  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$ . Thus  $\psi = X$ . I.e. any arbitrary solution  $X$  of  $L[x] = 0$  is some real-linear combination of  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n$  (the fundamental solutions).

We require the use of the Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra.

**Theorem 42.2** (Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra). Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}$  has a two-sided inverse iff  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* It is trivial to prove that  $\psi$  satisfies the differential equation. Now we write

$$\begin{cases} \psi_1(0)c_1 + \psi_2(0)c_2 + \cdots + \psi_n(0)c_n &= X(0) \\ \psi_1'(0)c_1 + \psi_2'(0)c_2 + \cdots + \psi_n'(0)c_n &= X'(0) \\ &\vdots \\ \psi_1^{(n-1)}(0)c_1 + \psi_2^{(n-1)}(0)c_2 + \cdots + \psi_n^{(n-1)}(0)c_n &= X^{(n-1)}(0) \end{cases}$$

To write shorthand for this system of equations, we can write a matrix

$$\mathbf{A}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(t) & \psi_2(t) & \cdots & \psi_n(t) \\ \psi_1'(t) & \psi_2'(t) & \cdots & \psi_n'(t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_1^{(n-1)}(t) & \psi_2^{(n-1)}(t) & \cdots & \psi_n^{(n-1)}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

We define the Wronskian of  $\mathbf{A}(t)$  to be  $W(t) = \det \mathbf{A}(t)$ . So now our equation is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(0) & \psi_2(0) & \cdots & \psi_n(0) \\ \psi'_1(0) & \psi'_2(0) & \cdots & \psi'_n(0) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_1^{(n-1)}(0) & \psi_2^{(n-1)}(0) & \cdots & \psi_n^{(n-1)}(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X(0) \\ X'(0) \\ \vdots \\ X^{(n-1)}(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(0)\vec{c} = \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{c} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(0)\vec{b}$$

By the Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra, it suffices to prove that  $W(0) \neq 0$ . We instead prove that  $W(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

First we note that  $W(t) \not\equiv 0$ . Suppose that it was. Then looking at our system of equations, there would be that the coefficient matrix is non-invertible. (i.e. the reduced row-echelon form of the matrix has more columns than rows) However, this would imply that there is a non-trivial solution for  $\vec{c}$ . But this can't be, as the fundamental solutions are linearly independent.

We will show that  $W(t)$  satisfies a linear differential equation, therefore  $W(t) = ce^{rt}$ , which is never zero as long as  $c \neq 0$ . But that can't happen, since  $W(t) \not\equiv 0$ .

$$W(t) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1 & \psi_2 & \cdots & \psi_n \\ \psi'_1 & \psi'_2 & \cdots & \psi'_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_1^{(n-1)} & \psi_2^{(n-1)} & \cdots & \psi_n^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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## 43 Spanning of the $n$ Fundamental Solutions; Variation of Parameters

### 43.1 The Determinant Function

$f(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n) = F(\mathbf{A})$  where  $\vec{a}_j = (a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{nj}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{A} = [\vec{a}_1 \mid \vec{a}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \vec{a}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
Axioms for  $f$ :

1.  $f$  is multilinear (linear in each slot):

$$f(\dots, r\vec{a} + s\vec{b}, \dots) = rf(\dots, \vec{a}, \dots) + sf(\dots, \vec{b}, \dots)$$

2.  $f$  is alternating (skew-symmetric):

$$f(\dots, \vec{a}, \dots, \vec{b}, \dots) = -f(\dots, \vec{b}, \dots, \vec{a}, \dots)$$

3.  $f$  is normalized:

$$f(\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n) = f(I) = 1$$

**Theorem 43.1.** *There's a unique such  $f$ .*

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_j &= \sum_{i_j=1}^n a_{i_j j} \vec{e}_{i_j} = (a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{nj}) \\ f(\mathbf{A}) &= f\left(\sum_{i_1=1}^n a_{i_1 1} \vec{e}_{i_1}, \sum_{i_2=1}^n a_{i_2 2} \vec{e}_{i_2}, \dots, \sum_{i_n=1}^n a_{i_n n} \vec{e}_{i_n}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \cdots \sum_{i_n=1}^n (a_{i_1 1} a_{i_2 2} \cdots a_{i_n n}) f(\vec{e}_{i_1}, \vec{e}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{e}_{i_n}) \\ &= \sum_{\vec{p} \in S_n} (a_{i_1 1} a_{i_2 2} \cdots a_{i_n n}) (-1)^{N(\vec{p})} \end{aligned}$$

where  $N(\vec{p}) = \#\{(p_i, p_j) \mid i < j, p_i > p_j\}$  (number of inversions). This is defined to be the determinant function of  $\mathbf{A}$ . ■

**Theorem 43.2.**

$$\det \mathbf{A}^T = \det \mathbf{A}$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \det \mathbf{A}^T &= \sum_{\vec{p} \in S_n} (\text{sgn } \vec{p}) \hat{a}_{i_1 1} \hat{a}_{i_2 2} \cdots \hat{a}_{i_n n} \\ &= \sum_{\vec{p} \in S_n} (\text{sgn } \vec{p}) a_{1 i_1} a_{2 i_2} \cdots a_{n i_n} \end{aligned}$$

There must be a  $i_k = 1$ , since there are a permutation. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \det \mathbf{A}^T &= \sum_{\vec{p} \in S_n} (\text{sgn } \vec{p}) a_{1 i_1} a_{2 i_2} \cdots a_{n i_n} \\ &= \sum_{\vec{p} \in S_n} (\text{sgn } \vec{p}) a_{1 i_1} a_{2 i_2} \cdots a_{k i_k} \cdots a_{n i_n} \\ &= \sum_{\vec{p} \in S_n} (\text{sgn } \vec{p}) a_{1 i_1} a_{2 i_2} \cdots a_{q_1 1} \cdots a_{n i_n} \\ &= \sum_{\vec{p} \in S_n} (\text{sgn } \vec{p}) a_{q_1 1} a_{q_2 2} \cdots a_{q_n n} \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\vec{p} \in S_n$ , define  $\vec{q} = \vec{p}^{-1} \in S_n$ . Note that  $\vec{p}$  is a one-to-one function of its subscript ( $p_j = p_k \Rightarrow j = k$ ).

The domain of  $\vec{q}$  (as a function of its subscript,  $a$ ) is the range of  $\vec{p}$ , namely  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , so  $\vec{q}$  is a one-to-one function on  $[n]$ ; the range of  $\vec{q}$  is the domain of  $\vec{p}$  again  $[n]$ . i.e.  $\vec{q} \in S_n$ .

**Lemma 43.1.**  $\text{sgn } \vec{p} = \text{sgn } \vec{p}^{-1}$

*Proof.* By definition,  $\text{sgn } \vec{p} := (-1)^{N(\vec{p})}$ , where  $N(\vec{p})$  denotes the inversion number.

$$N(\vec{q}) = \#\{(a, b) \mid \underbrace{a}_{p_k} < \underbrace{b}_{p_j}, \underbrace{q_a}_k > \underbrace{q_b}_j\} = N(\vec{p})$$

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**Theorem 44.1.** *The following properties are true of the determinant function.*

1. *Row interchanges negate determinants.*
2. *Rescaling a row by  $c \neq 0$  also rescales  $\det \mathbf{A}$  by  $c$ .*
3. *Replacing a row by some multiple of another row leaves  $\det \mathbf{A}$  unchanged.*

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**Theorem 45.1** (Fundamental Theorem of Matrix Algebra). *A matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible if and only if  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* For the reverse direction:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} &= \mathbf{I} \\ \det(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1}) &= \det \mathbf{I} \\ \underbrace{(\det \mathbf{A})(\det \mathbf{A}^{-1})}_{\neq 0} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

For the forward direction ( $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists \mathbf{B} : \mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}$ ), the condition on the determinant implies that the reduced row echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\mathbf{I}$ .

$$[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{I}] \rightarrow [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{B}]$$

We also claim that  $\mathbf{B}$  is a left inverse. For this, we define **elementary matrices**:

- Exchange of rows

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij}(\mathbf{A}) = \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{ij}(\mathbf{I})}_{E_{ij}} \mathbf{A}$$

- Row scaling

$$\mathcal{S}_{i,c}(\mathbf{A}) = \underbrace{\mathcal{S}_{i,c}(\mathbf{I})}_{S_{i,c}} \mathbf{A}$$

- Row shear

$$\mathcal{R}_{i,j,c}(\mathbf{A}) = \underbrace{\mathcal{R}_{i,j,c}(\mathbf{I})}_{R_{i,j,c}} \mathbf{A}$$

We can represent  $\mathbf{B}$  as a string of elementary matrix multiplication operations. ■