

# Differential Equations

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## Introduction

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## 1 2/3/16: Background on $\mathbb{R}$ ; Basic Existence Question of ODE's

### 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:

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

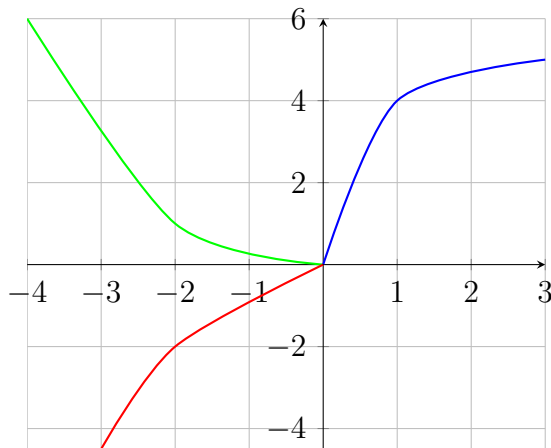
- First-order refers to the fact that all the derivatives are the first derivatives.

"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  $\bar{\int}_0^1 f = 1$ , 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.

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

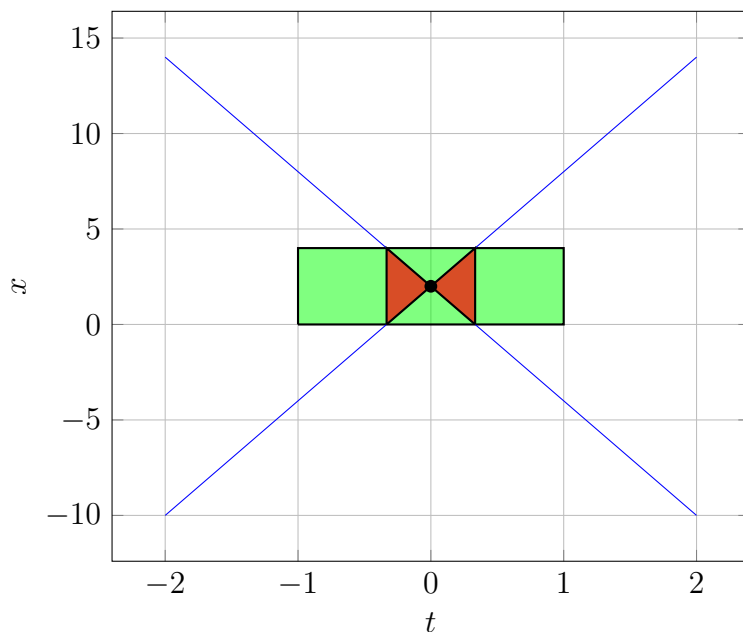
3. The point  $(p, q)$  is assumed to be interior to  $\mathcal{D}$  (not on the boundary).

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.

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

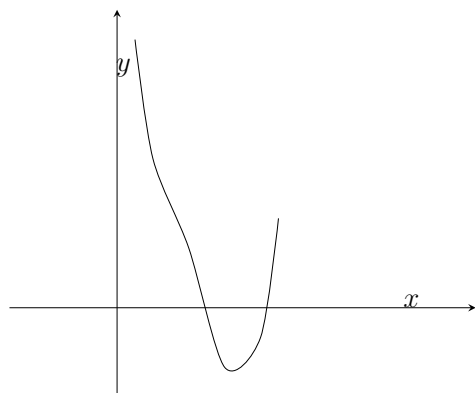
## 9 2/23/16: Uniqueness for $C^1$ IVP's

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

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

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.

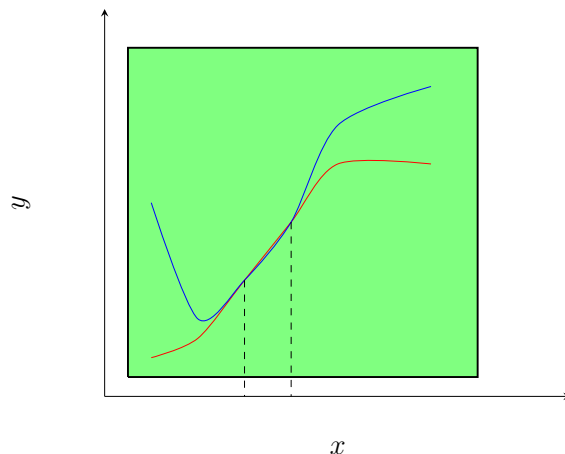
Let us try separation of variables:

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

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

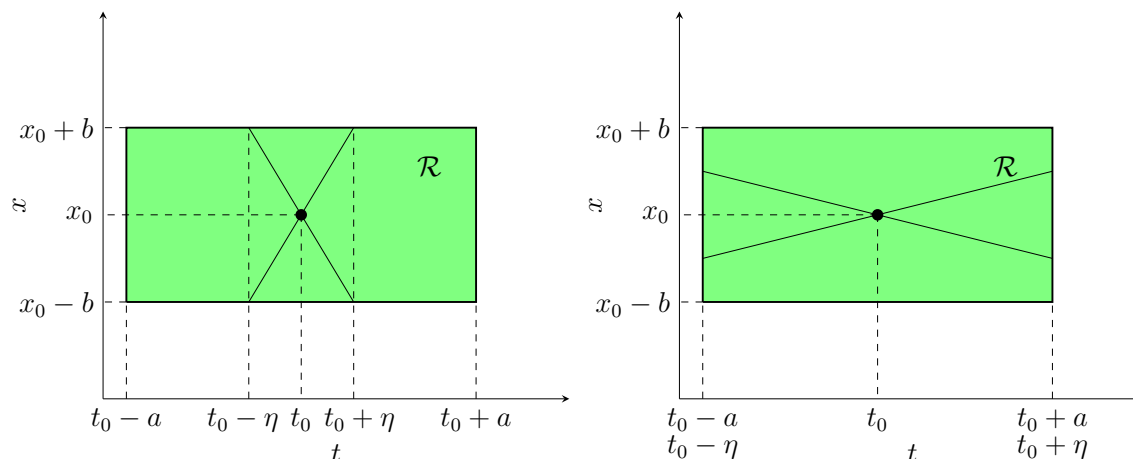
$$x_{n+1}(t) := x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau, x_n(\tau)) d\tau$$

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

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

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**.

**Theorem 16.1.**  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot - \cdot|)$  is a **complete metric space**, i.e. every Cauchy sequence of real numbers converges to a real limit.