

Existence and Uniqueness

Theorem 1 *Suppose that both $f(x, y)$ and its partial derivative $f_y(x, y)$ are continuous on some rectangle R in the xy -plane containing the point (x_0, y_0) . Then for some open interval $I = (a, b)$ so that $a < x_0 < b$, the initial value problem*

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

has one and only one solution on the interval I .

1. The theorem above does not guarantee the existence of solutions for the following problems. Why? Fix each problems so that the theorem guarantees a locally unique solution.

(a) $y'(x) = \frac{1}{x - y}, \quad y(2) = 2$

(b) $y'(x) = \sqrt{y}, \quad y(0) = -1$

(c) $y'(x) = \ln x, \quad y(-1) = 3$

Differential Equation Solution Methods

2. Classify the following differential equations as being Separable, Exact, and/or Homogeneous.

Equation	Separable	Exact	Homogeneous
$x^3y' = -3yx^2$			
$xy' = \left[1 + \ln\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\right]y$			
$y' + 2xy = \sin xy^3$			

3. Solve the following initial value problem.

$$xy' + 3y = 2x^5, \quad y(2) = 1$$

4. Find the general solution to the following differential equation.

$$xy' = \left[1 + \ln\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\right] y$$

5. Solve the following initial value problem:

$$y' = y(10 - y), \quad y(0) = 13.$$