

I. The direction field associated to a differential eq. II. Numerical methods

$$\text{scalar differential eq. } \dot{y} = g(x, y(x)), g \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

$$(1) \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f_1(x(t), y(t)) \\ \dot{y}(t) = f_2(x(t), y(t)) \end{cases}$$

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$$

planar autonomous differential system

**Remark:** We have existence and uniqueness of the solution for any IVP.

(1) Any solution curve (graph of a given solution) is represented in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(2) Any orbit is represented in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

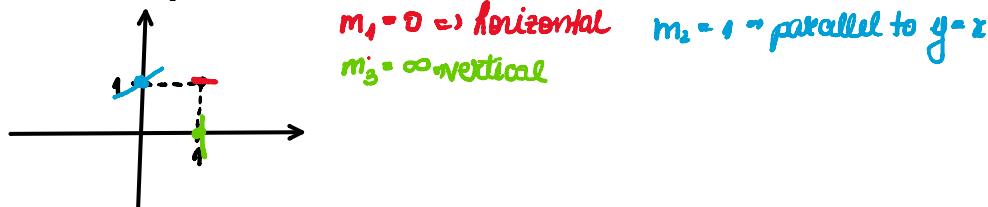
**Def:** The direction field is a collection of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The vector through a given point  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

→ has the slope  $m = g(x_0, y_0)$  in the case of eq. (1)

→ is parallel to the vector  $(f_1(x_0, y_0), f_2(x_0, y_0))$  / has the slope  $m = \frac{f_2(x_0, y_0)}{f_1(x_0, y_0)}$

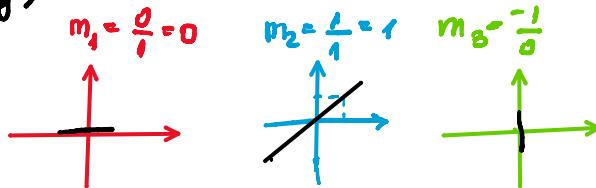
**Ex:**  $y' = 1 - \frac{x}{y^2}$ . Plot the vectors of the direction fields corresponding to the points  $(1, 1), (0, 1), (1, 0)$ .

$$g(x, y) = 1 - \frac{x}{y^2}, m_1 = g(1, 1) = 0, m_2 = g(0, 1) = 1, m_3 = g(1, 0) = \infty$$



(2)  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y^2 \\ \dot{y} = -x + y^2 \end{cases}$ . Plot the vectors of the dir. fields corresp. to  $(1,1), (0,1), (1,0)$ .

$$f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 \\ -x + y^2 \end{pmatrix}, f(1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, f(0, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, f(1, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



→ the slope of the direction field is  $m(x, y) = -\frac{x+y^2}{y^2} = 1 - \frac{x}{y^2} = g(x, y)$ . (1) and (2) have the same direction field

**Prop:** let  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be fixed, arbitrary. The slope of the direction field of (1)/system (2) is equal to the slope of the solution curve of (1)/orbit of (2), that passes through  $(x_0, y_0)$  (in other words, the direction field is tangent to the solution curve of (1)/orbit of (2) in any point).

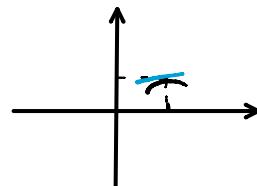
**Def:** I.  $y' = g(x, y)$    The sol. curve that passes through  $(x_0, y_0)$  is denoted by  $\varphi(x)$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} \varphi'(x) = g(x, \varphi(x)), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}(x_0) \\ \varphi(x_0) = y_0 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

→ the slope of the d.f. is  $m_0 = g(x_0, y_0)$  (def.)

→ the slope of  $\varphi$  in  $(x_0, y_0)$  is  $\varphi'(x_0)$

$$(5) \Rightarrow \varphi'(x_0) = g(x_0, \varphi(x_0)) = g(x_0, y_0)$$



II.  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f_1(x, y) \\ \dot{y} = f_2(x, y) \end{cases}$  Take  $\gamma_0(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  be the sol. of the system whose orbit passes through  $(x_0, y_0) \rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\varphi}_1(t) = f_1(\varphi_1(t), \varphi_2(t)) \\ \dot{\varphi}_2(t) = f_2(\varphi_1(t), \varphi_2(t)) \end{cases}, \forall t \in V(0)$$

$$\varphi_1(0) = x_0$$

$$\varphi_2(0) = y_0$$

The corresponding orbit is  $\gamma(\varphi_1(t), \varphi_2(t)) : t \in V(0)$  and the vector  $(\dot{\varphi}_1(t), \dot{\varphi}_2(t))$  is tangent to  $\gamma$  in the point  $(\varphi_1(t), \varphi_2(t)), \forall t_0 \in V(0)$

Take  $t_0 = 0$ : The vector  $(\dot{\varphi}_1(0), \dot{\varphi}_2(0))$  is tangent to  $\gamma$  in  $(x_0, y_0)$

But  $\dot{\varphi}_1(0) = f_1(x_0, y_0)$   $\rightarrow$  The vector  $(f_1(x_0, y_0), f_2(x_0, y_0))$  is tangent to the orbit  
 $\dot{\varphi}_2(0) = f_2(x_0, y_0)$  by def. this gives the direction field

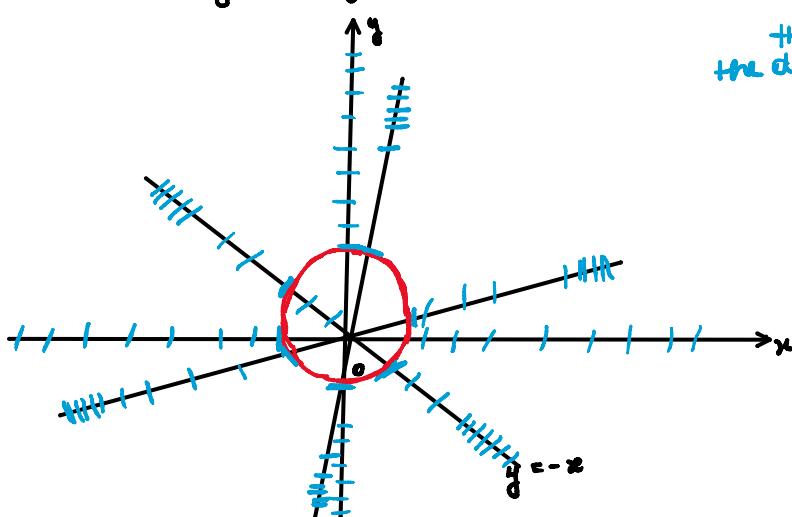
Ex:  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -y \\ \dot{y} = x \end{cases} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$  (same dir. field)

Rep. the dir. field and "guess" the shape of the orbits of the system.

Sol: The  $m$ -isocline of eq. (1)/system (2) is  $f_1(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : g(x, y) = my / f_1(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \frac{f_2(x, y)}{f_1(x, y)} = my$ .  
(The slope of the dir. field is the same for any point in an isocline),

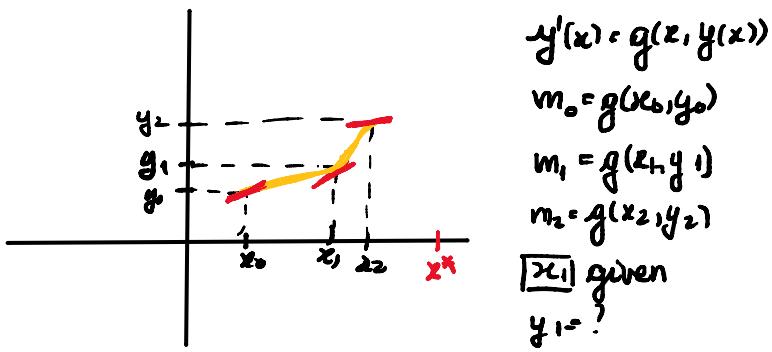
The  $1$ -isocline:  $-\frac{x}{y} = 1 \Leftrightarrow y = -x$

$m$ -isocline:  $-\frac{x}{y} = m \Leftrightarrow$   
the slope of any point of the line  
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{y}{x} = -\frac{1}{m}$  (line)  
the slope of the line



An orbit is orthogonal to any line that passes through the origin. So, an orbit must be a circle centered in the origin.

Introduction to numerical methods

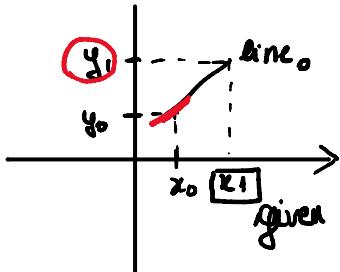


$(x_0, y_0)$  given     $m_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$

$$\frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$= \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} = g(x_0, y_0) \rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + g(x_0, y_0)(x_1 - x_0)$$



Euler's numerical procedure

$$\begin{cases} y' = g(x, y) \\ y(x_0) = y_0 \end{cases} \text{ denote by } \varphi: [x_0, x^*] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ its unique solution}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{array} \right] \quad x^n = x_n$$

Fix  $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$   
the number of steps

Fix  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = x^*\}$  in the interval  $[x_0, x^*]$

These points  $x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = x^*$  form a partition of the interval  $[x_0, x^*]$ .

Our aim is to find  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $y_i \approx \varphi(x_i)$  ("good" approximation of the exact value of the exact sol.).

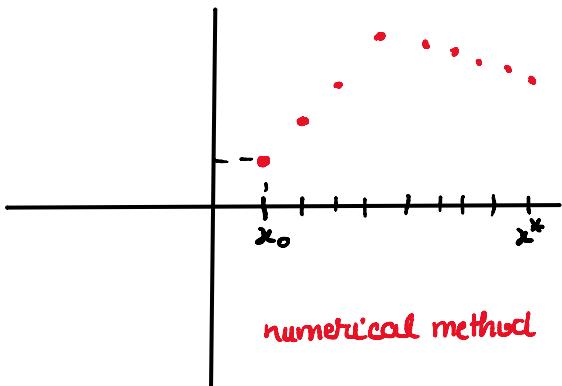
The basic formula is:

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + (x_{k+1} - x_k) g(x_k, y_k), k = \overline{0, n-1}$$

Usually we take  $x_{k+1} - x_k = h$ ,  $k = \overline{0, n-1}$ ,  $h$  - a constant step-size

Euler's formula with constant step-size  $h > 0$ :

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + hg(x_k, y_k), k = \overline{0, n-1}$$



$$\{ (x_k, y_k) : k = \overline{0, n} \}$$

