

# Non linear differential equations: Graphical method

- 1) Use slope fields & trajectories to aid in the drawing of solution curves for the first order ODE.
- 2) Draw integral curves aided by existence & uniqueness theorems, and assess long term behaviour of solution.

## (Intro) (Autonomous)

### Linear vs Nonlinear

$$y' = y(1-y) \Rightarrow y' = y - y^2 \quad (\text{Non linear})$$

$$y' + 2y = x \Rightarrow \text{(linear)} \quad [ \text{linear} ]$$

$$y' - y^2 = -x^2 \Rightarrow \text{(Non linear)}$$

$$y' - y^3 + 3y = -x \Rightarrow \text{(Non linear)}$$

$$y' = xy \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot dx \quad (\text{linear})$$

$$y' = -\frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow y \cdot dy = y' + \frac{x}{y} = 0 \quad [\text{non linear}] \quad \rightarrow \text{Degree of y is } -1.$$

$$y' = y/x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad (\text{linear}) \quad \leftarrow \text{solution}$$

$$yy' = x^3 - y \Rightarrow yy' + y = x^3 \quad (\text{Non linear})$$

Linear =  $y' + P(x)y = Q(x) \Rightarrow y' - xy = 0$   
 $y' + 2y = x$   
 $y' - \frac{1}{x}y = 0$

$$y' = f(x, y) \rightarrow \text{First order ODE's.}$$

$$y' = \frac{x}{y} \rightarrow \text{Solvable by separation of variables.}$$

$$y' = x - y^2 \rightarrow \text{(not solvable in ordinary sense).}$$

standard form:

$$\text{if there is a function } y' = f(x, y)$$

it will know I - standard

form curves etc

Notice: we have two std. forms

for the 1st order diff. equ.

$f(x, y) \rightarrow$  is a function  
of the two variables  
 $x$  and  $y$ .

A 1<sup>st</sup> order diff. eqn (Linear) can be written as

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

In this unit → we are going to solve some nonlinear 1<sup>st</sup> order diff. eqn. (qualitative behaviour of solutions using geometric methods & approximation).

### Geometric view of DE

(Analytic method).

Explicitly write the equations:

$$y' = f(x, y)$$

↳ we'll look for the function which solves it  
(previous parts).

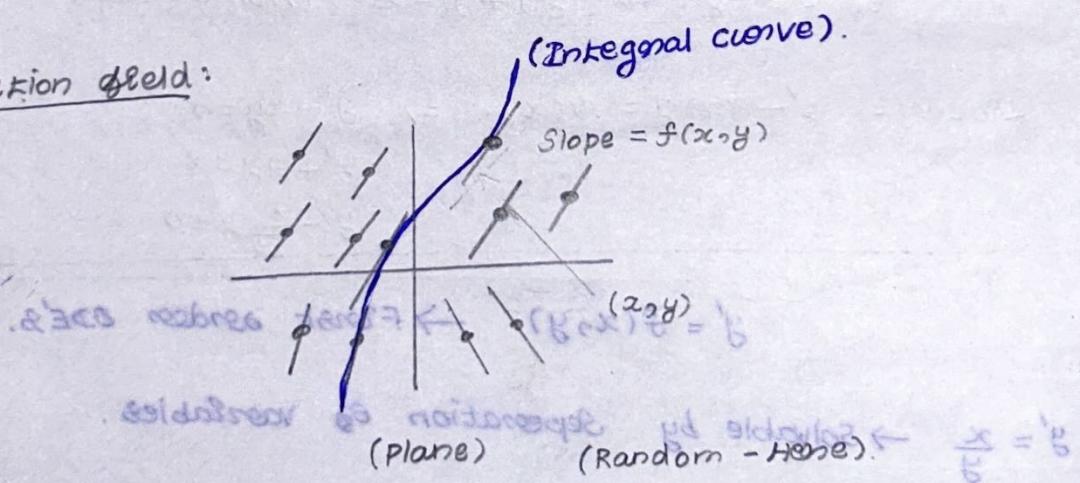
### Geometric method

ODE  $\rightarrow$  \*Direction field. (version of writing eqn in std. form)

Solution  $\rightarrow$  Integral curve

(In geometric point of view - known as)

### Direction field:



(sense & generality of solution)  $\leftarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = b$

Integral curve: (curve - which goes through the plane and at every point is tangent to the element there) (means 'breaks')

meaning  $\frac{dy}{dx} \leftarrow (f(x))$   
especially out side of  
if  $b = 0$   $x$

(If I have the element line here - I would find that  
→ Integral curve the curve had  
exactly the right slope  
along with rest there.)

what distinguishes the integral curve is that everywhere  $y'$  has the direction - that's the way I'll indicate that  $y'$ 's tangent has the direction of the field everywhere at all points,

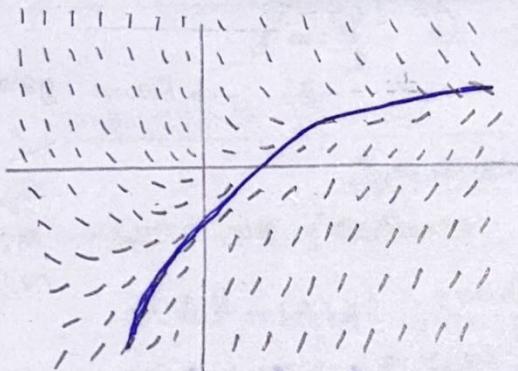
Integral curve is the solution graph to the diff eqn.

Geometrically

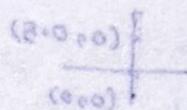
Drawing direction field - Same as writing ODE (Analytically)

Integral curve - Solving an ODE analytically

$$y' = f(x, y)$$



→ slope field  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y$



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (0)y$$

solution curve (09) Integral curve

An integral curve must be tangent to the slope field at every point:  $y'(x) = f(x, y_1(x))$ .

Slope field.

Exam: 4.1

Sketch the slope field done  $y' = y^2 - x$

Solu:

$$\text{Let } f(x, y) = y^2 - x$$

$$y - y = y \text{ slope } = 3$$

$$y - y = y$$

$$f(1, 2) = 3 \rightarrow \text{draw a short segment}$$

$$f(0, 0) = 0 \rightarrow \text{slope } = 0$$

$$f(1, 0) = -1 \rightarrow \text{slope } = -1$$

$$f(0, 1) = 1 \rightarrow \text{slope } = 1$$

The diagram of all these short segments is the slope field. You can see how tedious this process

Q3; a computer will sketch the slope field much more quickly. You can see the slope field from this example in the mathlet.

$$y' = y^2 - x \rightarrow \text{mathlets.org}$$

Isoclines.

why slope field?

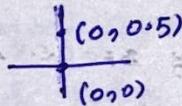
$\therefore$  The ODE is telling us that the slope of the solution curve at each point is the value of  $f(x, y)$ . So the short segment is to do first approximation, a little piece of the solution curve. To get an entire solution curve follow the solutions curves next.

$$1) \frac{dy}{dx} = x + y \quad A \in (0, -5)$$

$$y' = y(1-y)$$

solu:

$$\text{if } y(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -5. \rightarrow \text{from graph}$$

(Decrease)  
-ve slope means  $(0, -5)$

The curves are approaching

$\therefore$  solution approaches 1.

$$y(0) = -1$$

Solution approaches  $-\infty$ .

$$y(0) = 2 \rightarrow \text{solution approaches 1.}$$

$$y' = y - y^2$$

$$\therefore \text{tangents} = -1 - 1$$

$$= -2 = \text{sol 2} \leftarrow$$

$$1 = \text{sol 3} \leftarrow$$

$$1 = \text{sol 4} \leftarrow$$

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{2}(y+2)^2$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$0 = (y+2)^2$$

$$1 = (y+1)^2$$

$$1 = (y+2)^2$$

$$(Solution)$$

$$\text{approaches } \frac{1}{4}$$

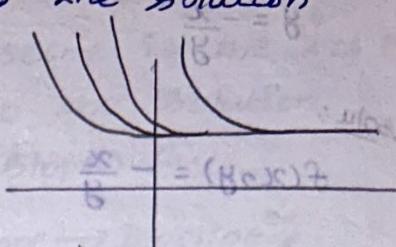
$$y(0) = 2$$

$$y' = 2 - 4$$

$$= -2$$

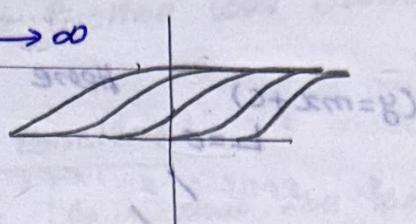
Solution approaches 1

$1 < y(a) < \infty$  (irrespective of  $a$ )  $\rightarrow$  the solution curve decreases to 1. as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .



$0 < y(a) < 1$  - the solution curve  $\uparrow$

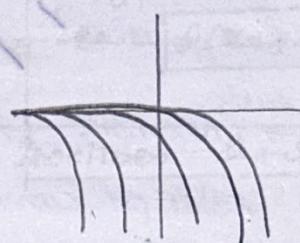
to 1 as  $x \rightarrow \infty$



click the point  $(0, \frac{1}{2})$

$$x \cdot \frac{1}{5} = b$$

$y(a) < 0$  - the solution curve  $\downarrow$  to  $-\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$



$x = 1$

$y' = \frac{y}{x}$  at  $(1, 1) \rightarrow$  a ray coming out of the origin

Computers - Naive one ( $O(n^2)$ )

1) Pick  $(x, y)$  (equally spaced)

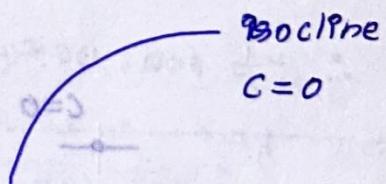
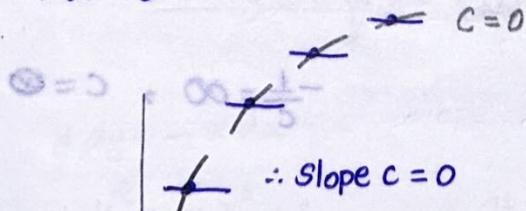
2) Computes  $f(x, y)$  at that point.

3) Draws  $\nearrow$  (Line Element having slope  $f(x, y)$ )

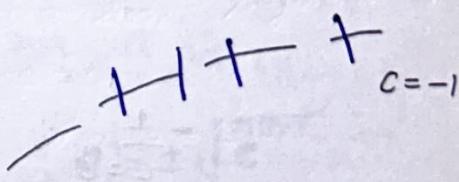
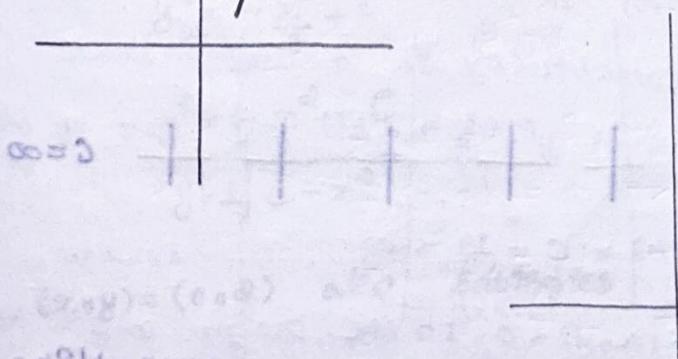
Humans:

1) Pick slope  $c$

2)  $f(x, y) = c$  : plot this equ.



(curve points where slope  $c = 0$ )



full tangent  
points  
at cusp & corner  
monotonic function

$$y' = -\frac{x}{y}$$

solu:

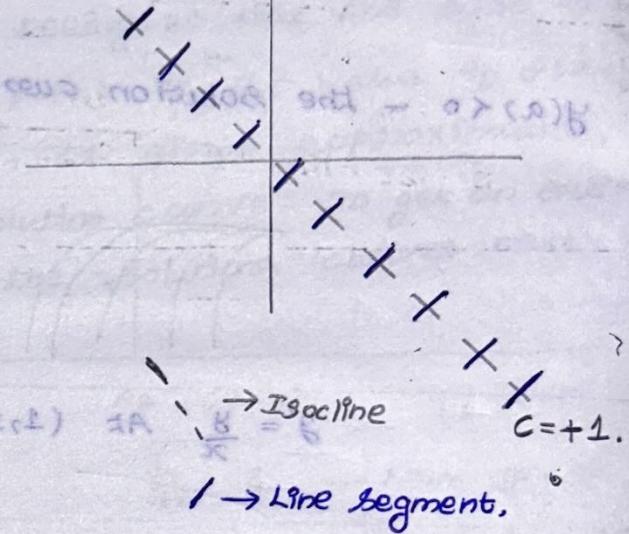
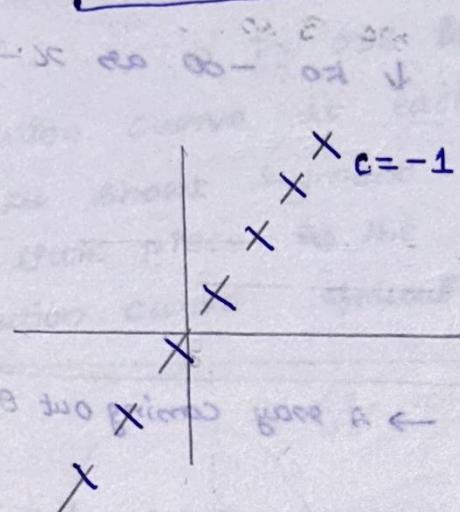
$$f(x, y) = -\frac{x}{y}$$

$$c = -\frac{x}{y}$$

$$\boxed{y = -\frac{1}{c}x}$$

$$(y = mx + c) \quad L = 0.$$

Hence  $c = \text{slope}$



→ Line segment.

$$y = x$$

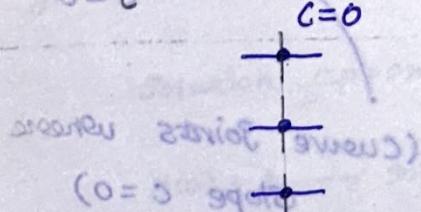
(straight) are called — straight

Note: They are always going to be perpendicular.

$$\therefore \text{Slope} = -\frac{1}{c} \quad (\text{Slope of the line})$$

Slope =  $c$ . (Slope of the line element)

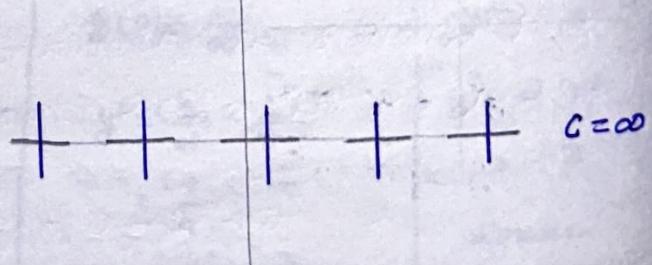
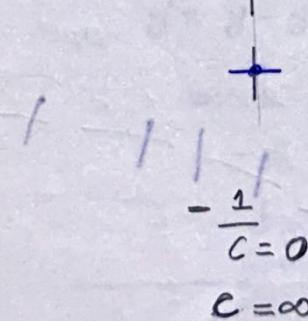
$\therefore 0 = \frac{-1}{c}$  and  $+c$  are negative reciprocals.



$$m_1 \times m_2 = -1$$

$$-\frac{1}{c} = \infty, \quad c = \infty$$

$$0 = \infty \text{ slope} \therefore$$



weaselly thing → resembling weasel  
(small, slender carnivorous mammal)

Definition: 6.1:

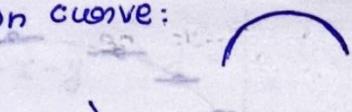
For a number  $C$ , the  $C$ -isocline is the set of points in the  $(x,y)$ -plane such that the solution curve through that point has slope  $C$ .  
(Same slope (or) same slope  $\rightarrow$  Isocline?)

Equation of the  $C$ -isocline:

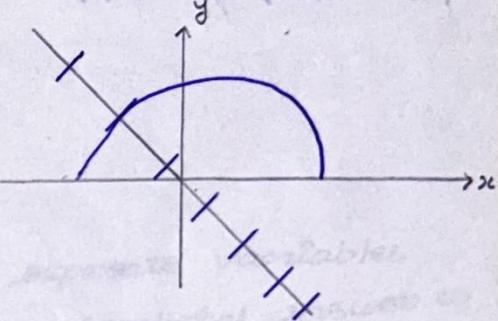
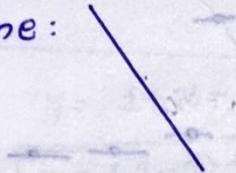
The ODE says that the slope of the solution curve through a point  $(x,y)$  is  $f(x,y)$ , so the equation of the  $C$ -isocline is  $f(x,y) = C$

### Isoclines & Solution curves.

Solution curve:



Isocline:



Equation of Isocline:  $y' = -\frac{x}{y}$  (Find the eqn of the  $2$ -isocline)

Soln:  $y' = -\frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow -\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow y' = -\frac{x}{y}$  (Solve)

Soln:  $y dy = -x dx$

$$y^2 = -\frac{x^2}{2} + C \quad \text{At } (0,2)$$

$$\therefore y^2 = -\frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

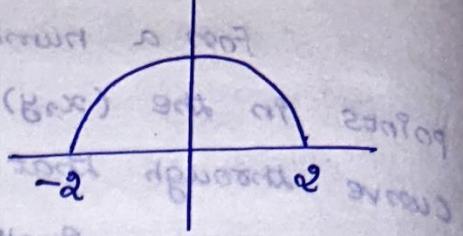
$$y = \pm \sqrt{C - \frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$\text{at } (x,y) = (0,2) \text{ also satisfies} \Rightarrow 2 = \pm \sqrt{C}$$

$$C = 4$$

Domain  $(-2, 2)$

Food for thought: why are the solution curves not a full circle?



Zero Isoclines

(For human assistance). Isoclines organize the slope field. The  $0$ -isocline is known as the null isocline, is especially helpful.

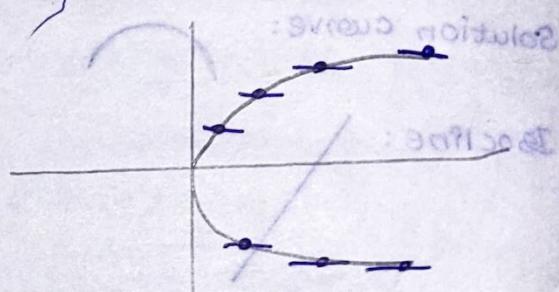
7.1:

$$y' = y^2 - x \quad (0\text{-isocline})$$

Soln:

$$\boxed{c=0} \rightarrow 0 = y^2 - x \rightarrow \text{parabola} \quad (\text{At every point of this}$$

parabola, the slope of the solution curve is } 0.



7.2  $y' = y^2 - x$  (where are the points at which the slope solution

curve is +ve.)

Soln:

$f(x, y) > 0$ . The  $0$ -isocline  $f(x, y) = 0$  divides the plane into regions and  $f(x, y)$  has constant sign in each region. To test the sign, check one point in each region.

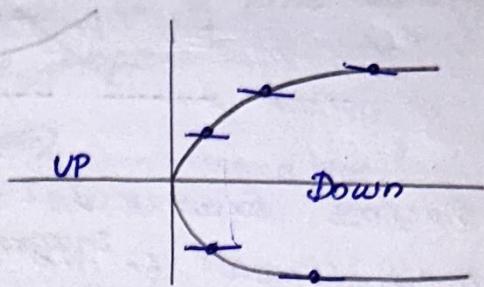
$$f(x, y) = y^2 - x$$

$f(-1, 0) = 1 > 0$ , by continuity it follows that  $f(x, y) > 0$  in the entire region to the left of the parabola.

$$\therefore f(1, 0) = 0 - 1 < 0$$

It allows  $f(x, y) < 0$  in the region right of the parabola. Therefore, the answer is that the slope of the solution of the curve is (+ve) in the region

to the right of the parabola. Therefore, the answer is that the slope of the solution curve is negative to the right of the vertex to the right of the parabola, & the slope of the solution is +ve in the region to the left.



### Isocline rootlets

use [mathlets.org](http://mathlets.org) for complete analysis

#### Example

$$y' = 1+x-y$$

Soln:

$$y = 1+x-c$$

$$\boxed{y = (1-c)+x}$$

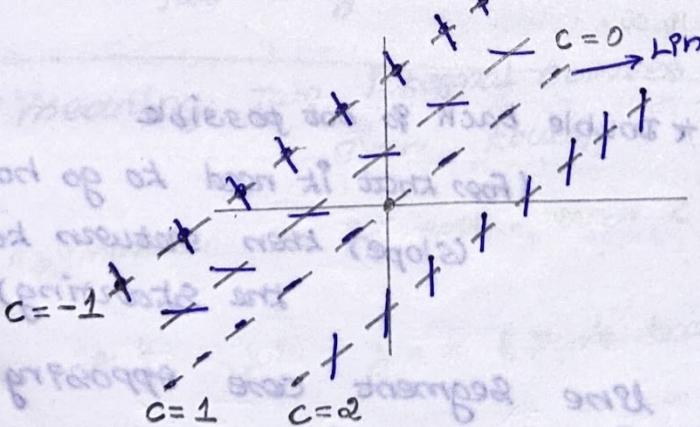
→ we can't separate variables  
(Analytical answer is tougher).

Geometrically:

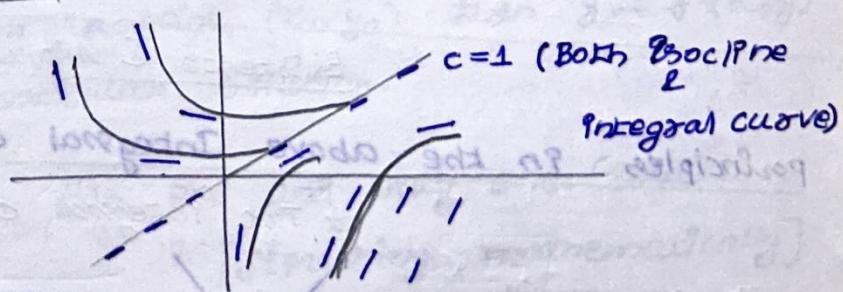
when  $c=0$

$$y = x+1$$

Line P.E.  $\rightarrow$  slope (line seg)



Solution curve will be:



(By that line segment, the solution curve follows S.P.)

what's happening like ~~at~~ coincide ~~with~~  $C=0$  &  $C=2$  isoclines

Integral curve.

For escaping (down)  
this coincides pt  
needs to return  
to the starting  
position.

For that it need  
to adjust  
pt's position.

5 (For doing this it have a (-)ve slope at some point)

But the slope of isoclines are +ve.

The solution can't escape.

pointing upwards. (Have a Negative slope)

→ not possible. (For doing that it must have less steepness - slope than the isoclines.)

\* Double back is not possible

(For that it need to go horizontal (slope) then return to the starting)

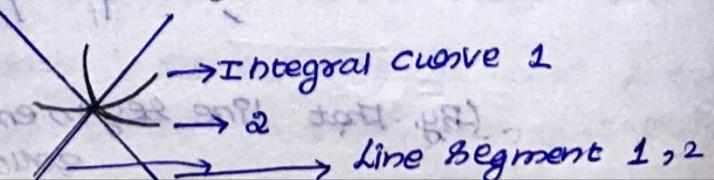
∴ The slopes of the segments are opposing it to return & blocks it.

Existence & uniqueness theorem

principles in the above Integral curves:

\* Two integral curves can't cross

at an angle.



They fight each other? what will be the local slope at that point.

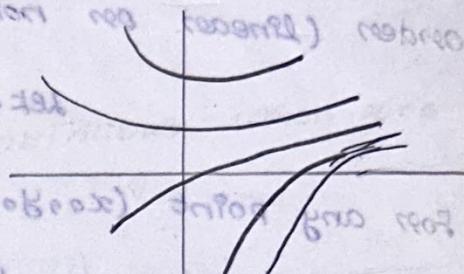
The direction field only allows to have a single slope at a point. If there is a line element at that point, it has a definite slope.  
(So it can't have two slopes)

↙  
so we can make,

All the integral curves are tending to reach a particular solution as

$$y(x) \sim x \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

( $x$ - a solution)



(So we can draw them closer & closer)

↳ They can't escape & intersect each other.

They move towards a particular solution. → Here

$$y = x$$

principle 2: (less obvious)

Two integral curves can't be a tangent.

meaning: Two integral curves don't even touch.



(Asymptotic to it even, even closer).

(not possible!)

They can't join  $y = x$  (Don't have a common solution)

why: Existence & uniqueness theorem.

which says through a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  then  $y' = f(x, y)$  has only one particular solution.

↳ Has one and only one solution  
[stressing - mathematically]

Hypothesis:  $f(x, y) \rightarrow$  should be continuous function.

eg: Polynomials, Sines, (Continuous in the vicinity  
(near) of that point).

That guarantees existence. we can't guarantee  
uniqueness. It's based on the partial derivative w.r.t.  
y which should be continuous near  $x_0, y_0$ .

Theorem: Existence & uniqueness theorem for a first  
order (linear or nonlinear) ODE.

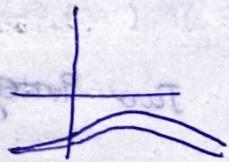
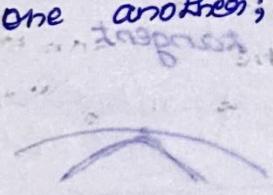
Let,  $y' = f(x, y)$

For any point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , if  $f(x, y)$  &  $\frac{df}{dy}$  are continuous  
near  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then there is a unique solution to the  
1st order DE through the point  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

As a consequence of uniqueness, we have the following  
two geometric features:

1) Solutions can't intersect (can't cross).

2) Solution curves can't become tangent to  
one another; (they can't touch).



when Existence & uniqueness fails.

1)  $xy' = y - 1$

Soln:

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = y - 1 \quad \text{separable & exact dx}$$

$$(B.S) \therefore \frac{dy}{y-1} = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad (\text{exact}) \text{ since } x \text{ appears both sides}$$

$$\ln|y-1| = \ln|x| + C \quad \text{integrated separately on both sides}$$

$$|y-1| = C|x| \quad \text{both sides soft} \leftarrow$$

$$y-1 = Cx \quad \text{consider } x \neq 0$$

$$y = 1 + cx \quad \text{Here } y \neq 1 \therefore C \neq 0$$

~~THIS point is oversupplied.  
(uniqueness fails)~~

Is it a violation?

No! Because a theorem has no exceptions, it wouldn't be a theorem.

(At  $y=1$ , wiggly points on the y-axis.)

Then what's wrong:

Working in standard form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-y}{x} \rightarrow \text{NOT continuous when } x=0$$

the y-axis.

(Failed).

In a practical manner, the way existence & uniqueness fails in all ordinary life work with diff calc falls in as not through sophisticated examples that mathematics can construct, but normally because  $f(x,y)$  will fail to be defined somewhere,

At the points where the hypotheses of the existence & uniqueness theorem fail, the conclusion of the theorem may also fail. Here is another example demonstrating this.

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Soln:  $f(x,y) = \frac{dy}{dx}$  (undefined at  $x=0$ )  $\rightarrow$  so things might go wrong along the y-axis, and in fact they do go wrong.

Solve the ODE by separation of variables:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{x} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\ln|y| = 2\ln|x| + C$$

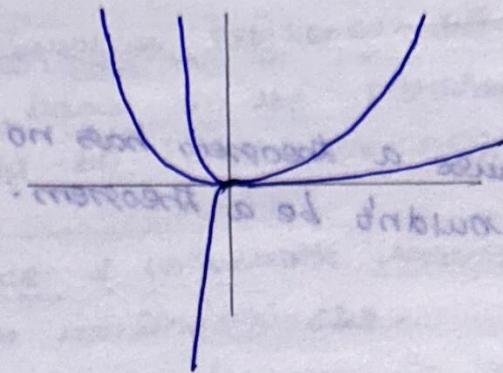
$$y = \pm e^{2\ln|x| + C}$$

$$y = \pm |x|^2 e^C$$

$$y = Cx^2 \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$C = \pm e^C$$

which can be any non zero real number. To bring back the solution  $y=0$ , we allow  $c=0$  as well.



wierd behaviour happens along  $x=0$  where  $y' = \frac{2y}{x}$  is not even defined:

\* Through any point  $(0, b)$  on the y-axis, there is no solution curve. The existence theorem doesn't apply.

\* Geometrically, the parabolas become tangent at the origin. This would be ruled out by uniqueness if the uniqueness theorem applied. The full parabolas are not solutions; the solution curves are half parabolas defined for either all  $x < 0$  or all  $x > 0$ .

Both existence & uniqueness apply to every point outside the y-axis. The rest of the plane (outside the y-axis) is covered with good solution curves, one through each point, none touching or crossing the others.

(There is no connection b/w any half parabola on the left & any half parabola on the right.)

### Interval of validity

The characteristics of a solution curves that we've been discussing are true for both linear & non linear ODEs. But there is often a big difference b/w the domain of definition of solutions to linear & non linear ODEs.

For I order linear DEs of the form,

$$y' = f(x, y) \text{ where } f(x, y) = q(x) - p(x)y.$$

Any solution defined at  $x=a$  is defined on the entire interval which contains  $a$  and on which  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are continuous. (Note that  $p$  and  $q$  being continuous is equivalent to the hypotheses of the general existence / uniqueness theorem presented. In this lecture, namely that  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous.)

For non-linear DEs, solutions don't have to be defined on the entire interval on which  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous.

Draw the solution curve to  $y' = y^2$  that satisfies  $y(0) = 1$ . What's the domain of definition of this curve?

Solu<sup>n</sup>: This DE is non-linear. (Solving it by separation of variables)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2$$

$$y^{-2} dy = dx \quad (y \neq 0)$$

$$\int y^{-2} dy = \int dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\frac{1}{y} = x + C_1$$

$$-\frac{1}{y} = x + C \quad (y \neq 0) \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{-x - C}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{-x - C}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$C = -1$$

$$x + 1 \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x \neq -1$$

which gives the solution

$$y = \frac{1}{1-x} \quad (\text{where } -\infty < x < 1)$$

### Solution Curve

$$y(x)^2 - (x)^2 = (y(x))^2$$

At  $x=1 \rightarrow$  Blow up (The solution).  $y(x) \rightarrow \infty$

The solution approaches  $\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow 1^-$ .

We say that the solution blows up at  $x=1$ . The domain of definition of the solution is  $-\infty < x < +1$ .

It is also called the interval of validity of the solution. The interval of validity of a function is the largest interval on which it can be defined.

The graph of  $y = \frac{1}{1-x}$  (consists of both branches of the hyperbola. But be careful, the full hyperbola is not a solution, only the branch through the point  $(x_0, y) = (0, 1)$ .

Q.

For non-linear DE's, the interval of validity of a solution can't be read off from the curve. It can be much smaller than the domain on which the curve is defined.

Interval of validity:

$$y' = xy^4 \quad (y(0) = 1) \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

$$a < x < b \text{ of } y(x)$$

$$(0 < x < b) \quad x_0 = b - \epsilon$$

Solu:

$$y' = xy^4 \Rightarrow y^{-4}dy = xdx = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$-3y^{-3} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C \quad (1 = (0)^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{3}y^{-3} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\frac{1}{3}y^{-3} = -\frac{3x^2}{2} + C$$

$$y^{-3} = -\frac{x^2}{3} + C$$

$$y = \frac{1}{(-\frac{3}{2}x^2 + C)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{x^2 + C}}$$

$$\text{when } y(0) = 1$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} \Rightarrow 1 = \sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{c}}$$

~~$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{x^2+3}}$$~~

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{8}{x^2+3}}} \Rightarrow c = 8$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{-3}{2}x^2 + 1\right)^{1/3}} + 3$$

we see that  $y$  is not defined at  $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

∴ validity of the solution satisfying  $y(0) = 1$  is

$$-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} < x < \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, \text{ in fact } y \rightarrow \infty \text{ as}$$

$x \rightarrow \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ ; that's the solution blows up at  $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

Direction fields:

$$y' = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \quad \text{g) sketch the direction field.}$$

ii) For solution through  $y(0) = 1$

why is  $y(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$ ?

why is  $y(x) \downarrow$  for  $x > 0$ ?

Solu: looking at isocline: curve without the derivative  
 $y' = m = \text{constant}$ .

$$y' = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} = m$$

Null isocline:  $m=0$

$$0 = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}$$

(only possible when  $y=0$ ) now on

The Nullcline of this ODE is  $y=0$ .

(stable with)

General isoclines,

solutions ↪

$$-\frac{1}{m} y = x^2 + y^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + \frac{1}{m}y = 0$$

$$x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{m}y + y^2\right) = 0$$

$$x^2 + \left(y + \frac{1}{2m}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4m^2}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + y^2 = a^2} \rightarrow \text{circle having radius } a.$$

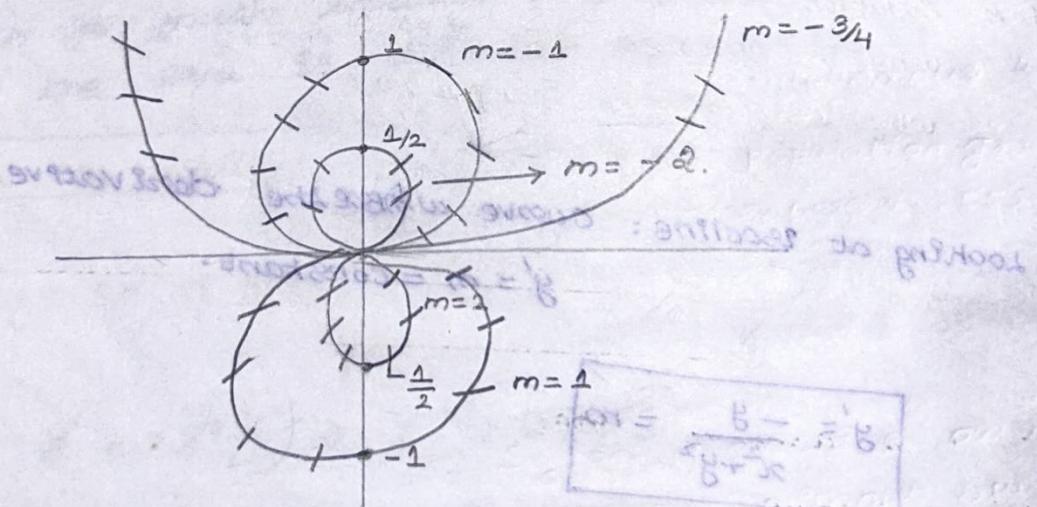
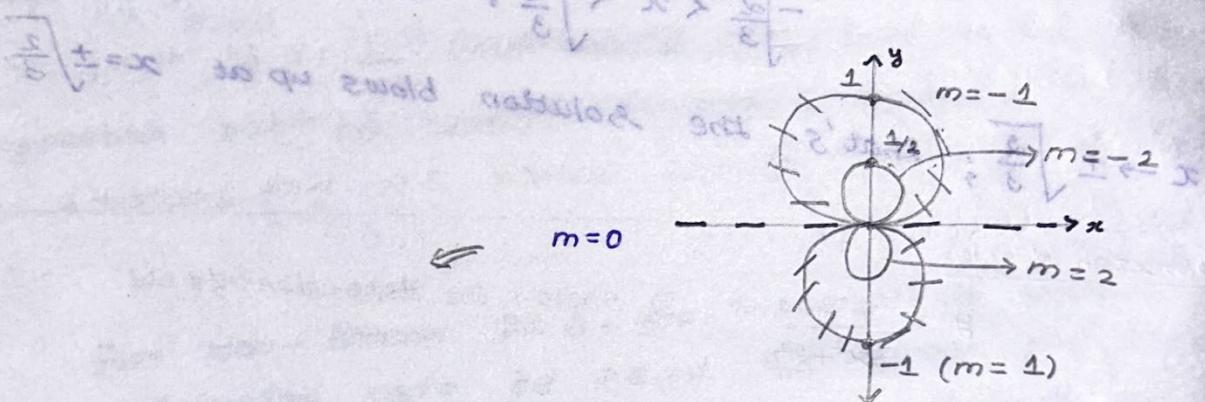
$$y^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2m}y\right) + \frac{1}{4m^2} - \frac{1}{4m^2} = 0$$

$$\left(y + \frac{1}{2m}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4m^2}$$

circle having coordinates

$$\text{as } L = (0, 0), (x_1 - x_1) + (y - y_1) = a^2$$

so the centre is  $(0, -\frac{1}{2m})$ , radius  $= \frac{1}{2|m|}$

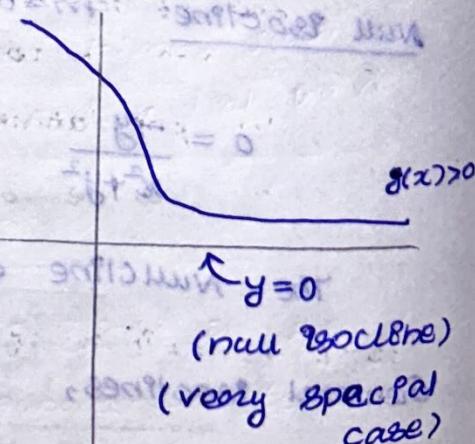


The integral curve will be

No way (NOT necessary) that every nuclide need to be

solution to the DE

\* Solution curves can't cross or touch each other.



$\hookrightarrow$  Neglected solution

ii)  $y(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$ .

(arbitrary initial value)

$$y' = -\frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \quad y \rightarrow >0 \quad | \quad x^2+y^2 > 0$$

∴  $y \rightarrow <0$

solutions

$\therefore -\frac{ve}{+ve} = (-ve) \rightarrow$  monotonically decreasing

The integral curve,  $y$  always stays in the upper half for  $x > 0$ . So the  $y(x) > 0$ .

### Change of variables

$\dot{y} + y^2 t - y = 0$  (known as Bernoulli's equation)

Solu: Make the change of variable  $y = \frac{1}{u}$ .

$$\dot{u} = f(u, t) \quad (\text{both } t \text{ as function}) \quad (\text{if } t = \frac{1}{u}) \quad \dot{y} = -u^{-2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{u^2} \cdot \dot{u}$$

$$\dot{u} + \frac{1}{u^2} t - \frac{1}{u} = 0$$

$$-\frac{\dot{u}}{u^2} + \frac{1}{u^2} t - \frac{1}{u} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\dot{u} + t - u = 0$$

$$\boxed{\dot{u} = t - u}$$

Notice that this eqn is linear.

### Autonomous equation

1) Identify autonomous ODEs

2) Critical points

3) Use the phase plane to determine stability of solutions to autonomous ODEs.

4) Model population growth with the logistic eqn &

• Find qualitative behaviours of solutions.

5) Determine how varying parameters in a system can change behaviour of solutions using a bifurcation diagram.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y) \rightarrow \text{No } t \text{ on RHS}$$

(Time independent)

$\therefore$  Sometimes the independent variable is not time - so we are using the term autonomous. (Generic word for being no independent variable on R.H.S.)

How to get useful info from the eqn without solving the eqn:

\* Because, the fact

\* Gives you a lot of insight

Get qualitative info without solving it.

An autonomous ODE is a diff eqn that doesn't explicitly depend on the independent variable. If time is the independent variable, this means that the ODE is time invariant.

The standard form for a 1 order autonomous eqn is

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y) \quad (\text{Instead of } f(t, y))$$

where R.H.S doesn't depend on  $t$ ,  $\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt}$

For example, the (non-linear) curve:

$$\dot{y} = y - 3y^2 \quad \text{is autonomous. we'll}$$

findout later that this DE models population growth in an environment with limited resources. It's called a logistic curve.

why is this called autonomous?

In ordinary English, a machine or robot is called autonomous, if it operates without human input. A differential eqn is called autonomous if its coeffs are not changed over time, such as might happen if a human adjusted a dial on a machine & let it run.

$$x = 2x - 5x^2, \dot{x} = \frac{3}{x}, \dot{x} = \cos y \rightarrow \text{don't depend on the}$$

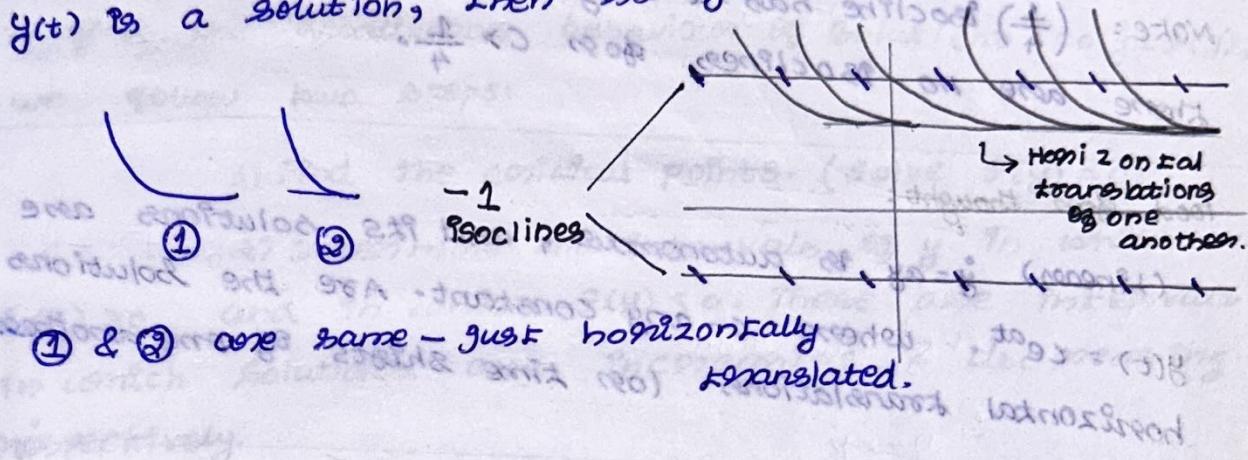
independent variable  $t$ . Therefore Autonomous, because of this fact

## First properties

Here are two consequences of the time invariance of an automation evn:

\* Each isocline in the  $(t, y)$ -plane has one or more horizontal lines.

\* Solution curves (in the  $(t, y)$ -plane) are horizontal translations of one another. That is, if  $y(t)$  is a solution, then so is  $y(t-a)$  for any  $a$ .



why are all translates of solutions also solutions? a non geometric argument:

$y(t)$  be solution  $\rightarrow \dot{y} = f(y)$

Let  $u = t - a$ , then  $u \rightarrow t$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} y(t-a) = \frac{dy}{dt} y(u(t)) = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dt} \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$= f(y(u)) \quad (1) \rightarrow \text{Function } f$

$y \rightarrow \text{has } u \rightarrow \text{has } t$

$= f(y(t-a)) \rightarrow u \rightarrow \text{has } t$

$\therefore y(t-a)$  is also a solution.

### Horizontal isoclines

Find the  $(-1)$ -isocline for the DE  $\dot{y} = y(1-y)$ . Answer by giving the  $y$ -val of the lines that the isocline consists of.

$$\text{Sol: } \dot{y} = y(1-y) \quad 1-y=0$$

$$C = y - y^2 \quad 0-y=0$$

$$y^2 - y + C = 0 \quad y = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-4C}}{2}$$

$1-y=0$  &  $0-y=0$  are the lines

when  $C < \frac{1}{4}$ , the  $C$ -isocline has two horizontal lines

$y = \frac{(1 \pm \sqrt{1-4C})}{2}$ . As expected, the isoclines are

horizontal for this autonomous equation. In particular  
(-1) isocline is given by the horizontal lines

$$y = \left( \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4C}}{2} \right)$$

$$y = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Note:  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$  isocline has a single horizontal line  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  and there are no isoclines for  $C > \frac{1}{4}$ .

Food for thought:

(Linear)  $\dot{y} = ay$  is autonomous, and its solutions are  $y(t) = ce^{at}$ . where  $c$  - any constant. Are the solutions horizontal translations (or time shifts of one another).

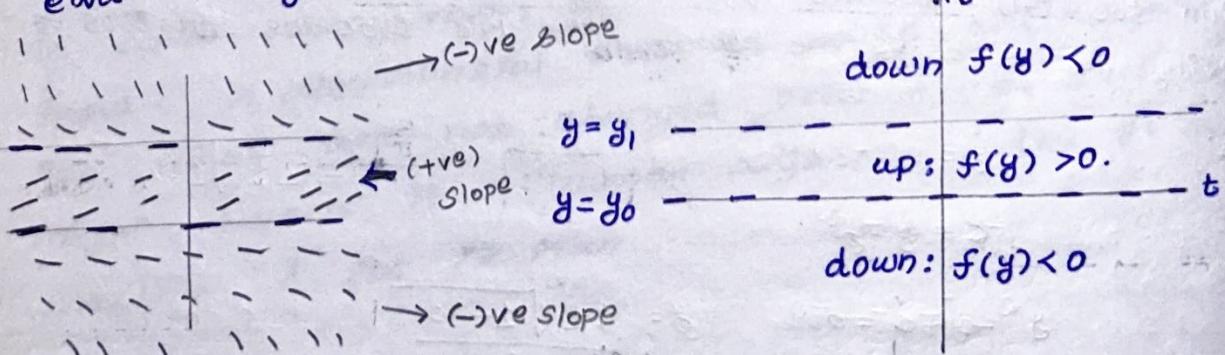
### equilibrium or critical points

Def: 4.1

The values of  $y$  at which  $f(y) = 0$  are called critical points or equilibria of the autonomous equation.

$$\dot{y} = f(y)$$

If  $y_0$  is a critical point of an autonomous eqn, then  $y=y_0$  is a constant (or horizontal or equilibrium) solution. Because the derivative of a constant function is 0. The zero isocline of an autonomous eqn having all the constant solutions.



The constant solutions  $y = y_0$  &  $y = y_1$  (where  $y_0$  and  $y_1$  are critical points) divide the  $(t, y)$  plane into 'up' & 'down' regions.

Recall that for any I order DE, the O-plane divides the  $(x,y)$  plane Pn to 'up' regions, where  $f > 0$  and solutions are increasing, and 'down' regions, where  $f < 0$  and solutions are decreasing. For autonomous eqns, the qualitative behaviour of all solutions is encoded by the critical points and the signs of  $f(y)$  in the intervals b/w the critical points.

To find the qualitative behaviour of solutions to  $\dot{y} = f(y)$ , we follow two steps:

1) Find the critical points. (Solve  $f(y) = 0$ )

2) Determine the intervals of  $y$  in which  $f(y) > 0$  and in which  $f(y) < 0$ . These are intervals in which solutions are increasing & decreasing respectively.

### Example: 1

Critical points and qualitative behaviour of solutions:

(Ex:  $y$  - money in the bank account : initial amount)

(annual) at  $t$  years go  $\Rightarrow$   $\sigma$  - continuous interest.

$$\text{Autonomous eqn.} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \sigma y - w \quad \text{y-principle amount.}$$

$w$  = Rate of embezzlement. (By Shrey Kelleo).  
(நீதிமானம்)

$\hookrightarrow$  Reduced from your account

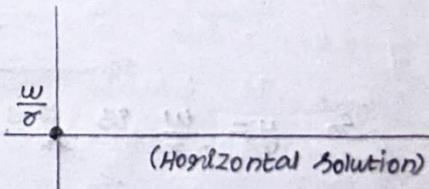
Analyzing using the method of critical points:

Step: 1:

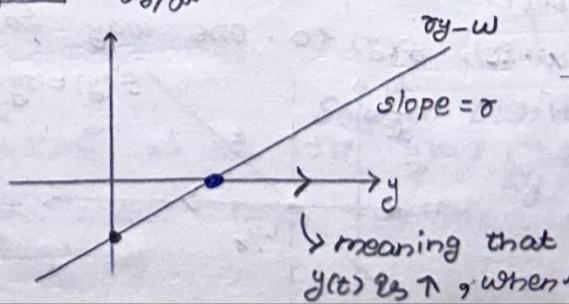
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma y - w$$

$$w = \sigma y$$

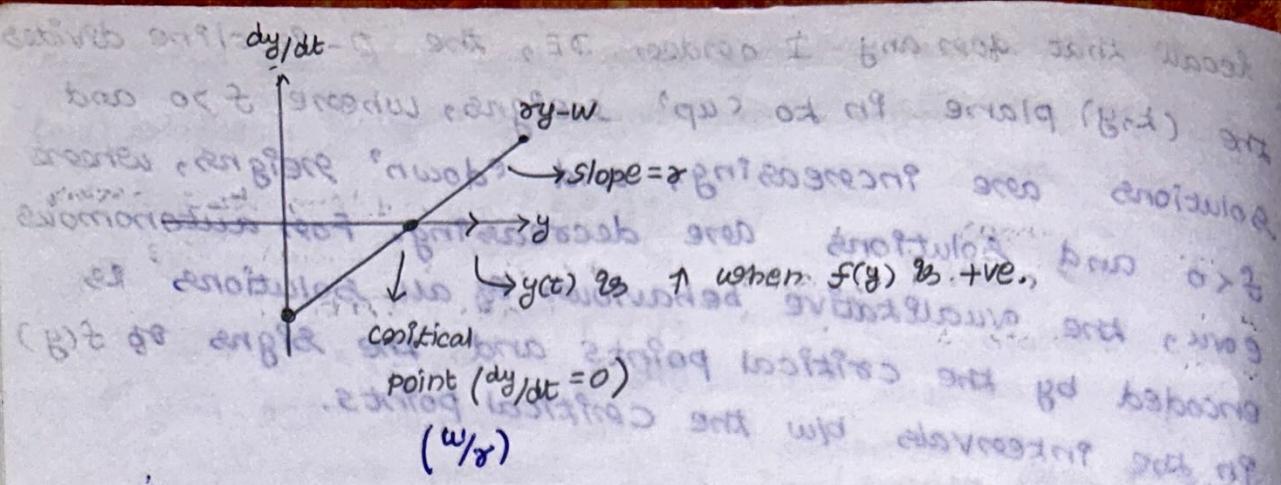
$$y = \frac{w}{\sigma}$$



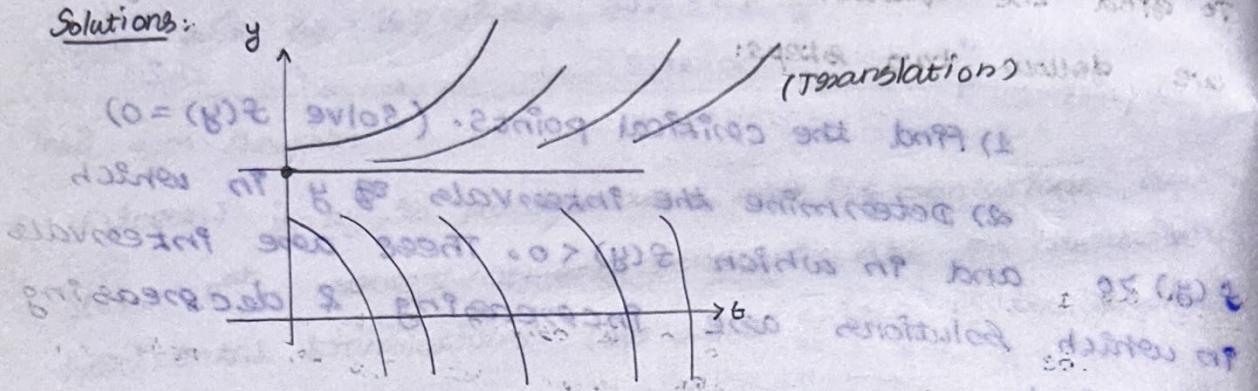
Graph  $f(y)$ : Step: 2:  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ :



|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| $y = mx + c$                   | $f(y)$ is<br>+ve |
| $\frac{dy}{dt} = \sigma y - w$ |                  |



Solutions:



Above the horizontal line, the function (solution curve) is increasing.

Below the solution curve is decreasing.

Phase line:

$$y = f(y) = \sigma y - w \quad (\sigma, w \text{ are } +ve)$$

The variable  $y$  models the amount of money in (dollars) in a saving account;  $\sigma$  is the interest rate (in units of years $^{-1}$ ) and  $w$  (in dollars) is the rate of money being stolen out of the account.

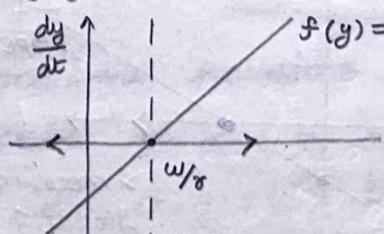
To find qualitative behaviour of the solutions, we follow the two steps described here:

1) Find the critical points

$$f(y) = \sigma y - w = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{w}{\sigma}$$

So  $y = \frac{w}{\sigma}$  is the constant solution.

2) Determine the intervals of  $y$  in which  $f(y) > 0$  and in which  $f(y) < 0$ . One way to do this is by graphing  $f(y)$ .



For  $y > \frac{w}{\delta}$ ,  $f(y) > 0$  and any solution  $y(t)$  is increasing.  
 For  $y < \frac{w}{\delta}$ ,  $f(y) < 0$  and any solution  $y(t)$  is decreasing.

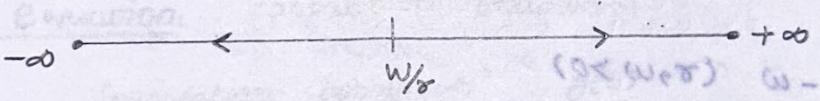
We can summarize the above info by adding two arrows on the horizontal  $y$ -axis as in the picture. The critical points divides the  $y$ -axis into intervals. We place a right arrow (in the  $+y$  direction) to each interval of  $y$  where  $f(y) > 0$  & any solution  $y(t)$  is increasing.

Similarly, we place a left arrow (in the  $-y$  direction) to each interval where  $f(y) < 0$  and solutions are decreasing. The  $y$ -axis with this extra info is called a phase line.

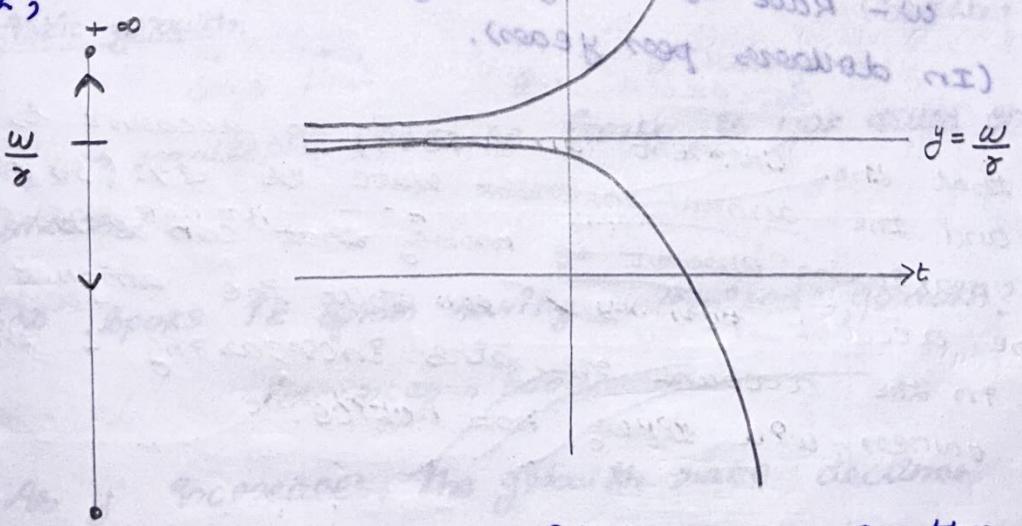
### Definition: 1

The phase line of a 1st order autonomous DE  $\dot{y} = f(y)$  is a plot of the  $y$ -axis with all critical points and with an arrow in each interval bw the critical points indicating whether solutions  $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$ .

Here,



If the phase line is drawn vertically, the qualitative behaviour of solution curves can be read directly from it,



Solution curves on the

ty plane.

Vertical  
phase line

5.2 Use the phase line above to determine what happens to solutions with different initial conditions as time passes.

Solu:

• If  $y(0) = w/\gamma$ , which the critical solution, then the solution will be  $y(t) = \frac{w}{\gamma}$  for all  $t$ . This corresponds to the constant solution shown on  $(t, y)$  in the above figure.

• If  $y(0) > w/\gamma$ , then the up arrow (the +ve  $y$  direction) on the phase line tells us that as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y(t)$  increases and will tend to  $\infty$ . This corresponds to a solution curve above the horizontal solution, such as the one shown on the  $(t, y)$  plane above.

• If  $y(0) < w/\gamma$ , then the down arrow (in the -ve  $y$  direction) on the phase line says that as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y(t)$  decreases and will tend to  $-\infty$ . This corresponds to a solution curve below the horizontal solution, such as the one shown on the  $(t, y)$ -plane above.

maximum rate of embezzlement.

$$\dot{y} = f(y) = \gamma y - w \quad (\gamma, w > 0)$$

where  $y$  - Amount of money in a savings account;

$\gamma$  - Interest rate (in years $^{-1}$ )

$w$  - Rate of money being stolen out of the account (in dollars per year).

Suppose that the current amount in an account is \$10000, and the annual interest rate is 2%. (So  $\gamma = 0.02$ ). What is maximum amount of money that can be stolen from the account per year so that the amount of money in the account remains increasing & the account owner will likely not notice.

Solu:

For amount of money  $y(t)$  to be increasing, the solution has to satisfy  $y(0) = 10000 > w/\gamma$ , where  $\gamma = 0.02$ .

$w = 10000\pi = 200$ . So the maximum amount of money stolen per year has to be less than 200.

Consider  $y' = \gamma y - w$   $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{w}{\gamma} - y$

If  $y(0) < \frac{w}{\gamma}$ , what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t)$ ?

Solu:

$y(0) < \frac{w}{\gamma}$ , the solution curve is below the horizontal solution.

As  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $y(t) \rightarrow w/\gamma$  from  $(t, y)$  graph.

We can also use the phase line to find the answer. To move time backwards, reverse the arrows in the phase line. As  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ , we have  $y(t) \rightarrow w/\gamma$ .

Warning: The phase line can only be used for autonomous equations.

(The phase line doesn't capture the exact shape of solution curves. However, since all solutions are translations of one another, the phase line does retain the qualitative behaviour of all solutions.)

### Logistic equation: (population equation)

'population behaviour'  $y(t)$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = Ky.$$

$K$  - Growth rate.

(Net birth rate)

### Logistic growth:

Says that letting  $K$  a constant

is non realistic. (Because death is not filled entirely with humans.)

(Birth - dying).

What stops it from having unlimited growth?

Resources, food

As  $y$  increases, the growth rate declines

(Resources are being used up).

simplest choice,  $\dot{y} = ky$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (a - by)y.$$

$= ay - by^2$  (logistic eqn - many applications).

The simplest model for population  $y(t)$  is the ODE  $\dot{y} = ky$  for a positive growth constant  $k$ , which is the birth rate - death rate of the population. The DE says that the rate of population growth is proportional to the current population, and we know  $y(t) = ce^{kt}$  [solutions]

But by reality, if  $y(t)$  is too large - the competition for food & space will grow. The population will grow less quickly. One simple way to model this is to adjust the growth rate from a constant  $k$  to a linearly decreasing function of  $y$ .

of  $y$ .

$$k(y) = a - by \quad (a, b > 0) \text{ constants.}$$

$$\dot{y} = k(y)y$$

$$= (a - by)y = ay - by^2 \quad (a, b > 0)$$

This diff eqn is called the logistic eqn. It is a differential, autonomous equation.

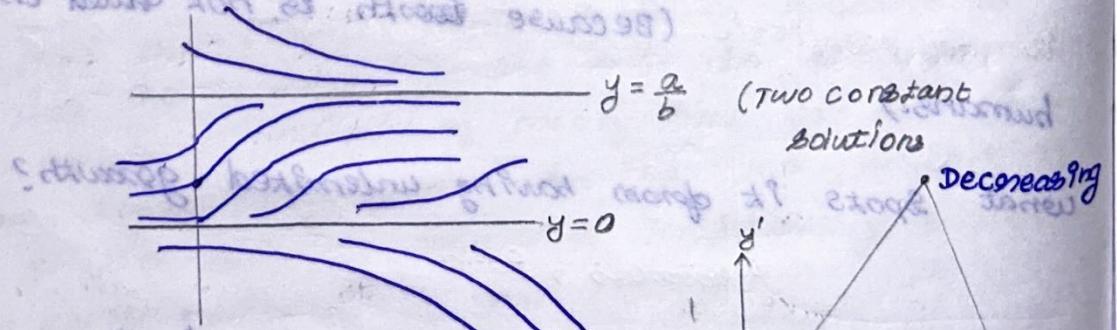
(Since  $\dot{y}$  is a function of  $y$ ) Qualitative behaviour.

Critical points:

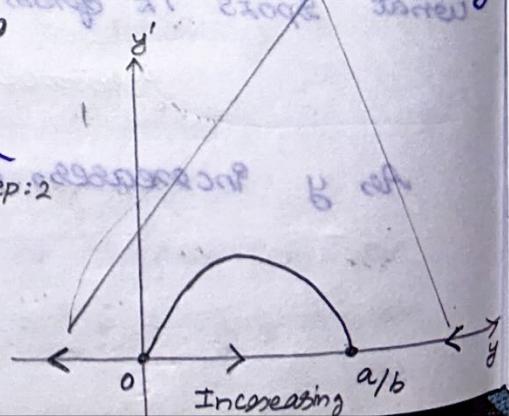
$$y(a - by) = 0$$

$$y=0, y=\frac{a}{b}.$$

Step: 1



(as  $y^2$  is larger than  $y$ .)



Exam: 7.1

Describe qualitatively the solutions to  $y' = 3y - y^2$   
(special case of the logistic curve  $y' = ay - by^2$ )

solu:

To find qualitative behaviors of the solutions, we follow the two steps described before.

1. Find critical points

$$0 = 3y - y^2$$

$$y = 0, 3$$

$$y(3y - y^2) = 0$$

$$3y = y^2$$

$$\boxed{y = 3}$$

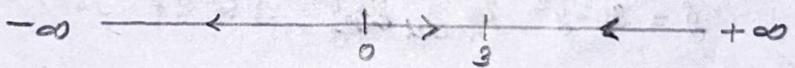
2) Determine the intervals of  $y$  in which  $f(y) > 0$  and in which  $f(y) < 0$ . To do this, we can graph  $f(y)$ .

$$f(-1) = -2 < 0 \quad (y < 0) \rightarrow \text{downward}$$

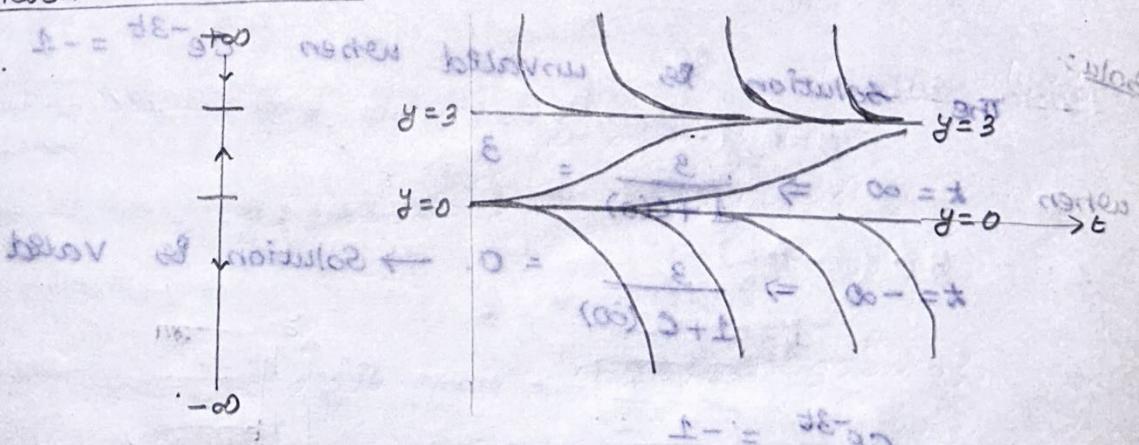
$$f(1) = 2 > 0 \quad (\text{upward}) \quad 0 < y < 3$$

$$f(4) = 12 - 16 < 0 \quad (y > 3) \rightarrow \text{downward}$$

phase line:



Sketch some solutions:



There are five fundamental solutions, depending on the I.C.:

• If  $y(0) = 0$ , the solution will be  $y(t) = 0$  for all  $t$ .

• If  $y(0) = 3$ , the solution will be  $y(t) = 3$  for all  $t$ .

for all  $t$ .

$$t = \frac{\ln y}{3-y}$$

- If  $0 < y(0) < 3$ ,  $y(t)$  will increase as  $t$  increases.
- It tends to 3 as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  and tends to 0 as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ .
- If  $y(0) > 0$ , then  $y(t)$  decreases as  $t \uparrow$ , tending to 3 without reaching it.
- If  $y(0) < 0$  then  $y(t) \downarrow$  as  $y(t) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t$  grows.

For a solution  $y(t)$  with  $0 < y(t) < 3$ , is it possible that  $y(t)$  tends to a limit less than 3.

Ans: No, if  $y(t) \rightarrow$  tends to any number between 0 and 3, then as the solution curve levels off while approaching a,  $y(t) = c$  must tend to zero.

But we know that  $f(y) > 0$  for all  $0 < y < 3$ ,

so this is impossible.

$\therefore$  up to (below) 0.9 and 0.000...1 (the curve is T).

Blw that the curve doesn't decrease or get less.

#### Interval of validity of a solution

By separation of variables, the general solution to

$$\dot{y} = 3y - y^2 \Rightarrow y(t) = 0 \text{ or } y(t) = \frac{3}{1+ce^{-3t}}$$

This is valid  $a < t < b$

(constant)

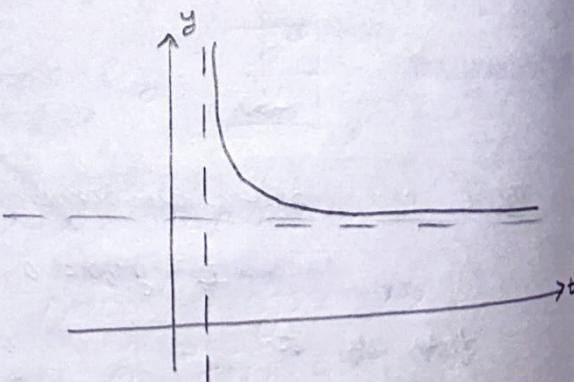
Soln: The solution is valid when  $ce^{-3t} \neq -1$

$$\text{when } t = \infty \Rightarrow \frac{3}{1+c(\infty)} = 3$$

$$t = -\infty \Rightarrow \frac{3}{1+c(-\infty)} = 0. \rightarrow \text{Solution is valid}$$

$$ce^{-3t} = -1$$

$$c = -e^{3t}$$



$$\dot{y} = 3y - y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{3y - y^2} = dt.$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{3}$$