

Math 2280 Lecture Notes Day 9

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# Existence & Uniqueness for Separable Equations

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

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = f(x) \cdot \overbrace{g'(y)}$$

go over this notation  $g'(y) \Rightarrow \frac{dg}{dy} = \text{ordinary deriv.}$

So, we need to check

1.  $F(x, y) = f(x) \cdot g(y)$ , and

2.  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = f(x) \cdot g'(y)$

for continuity

Ex.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y} \quad y(x_0) = y_0$

$$F(x, y) = 2\sqrt{y}, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}$$

1. Cont. for  $y \geq 0$

2. Cont. for  $y > 0 \Leftarrow$  causes problems for  $y=0$ .

Ex.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x-2}{y+3}$

$$F(x, y) = \frac{x-2}{y+3} \Rightarrow y \neq -3$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = (x-2) \cdot (-1)(y+3)^{-2} \Rightarrow y \neq -3$$

The singularity in  $F$  usually gets worse as  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$

## False Solutions:

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y} \quad y(0) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} dy = 2 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{y} = 2x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{y} = x + C/2$$

Since  $y$  is shown implicitly we know we can solve for  $y$  by squaring both sides

$$\Rightarrow y = (x + C/2)^2$$

In this example  $\sqrt{y} = x + C/2$ ,  $y > 0$ , but  $y = (x + C/2)^2$

$$\Rightarrow y(0) = (C/2)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow C/2 = \pm 2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C/2 = 2 \\ C/2 = -2 \end{cases} \text{ cannot have both!}$$

So, one of the solutions must not be correct

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$$\begin{cases} y_+ = (x+2)^2 \\ y_- = (x-2)^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_+ &= 4 \\ y_- &= \end{aligned}$$

Kind of a special case

Note, if  $F(x,y)$  is piecewise cont. then  $y$  is continuous

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$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = u|p} \quad \Leftarrow \text{Separable}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{u} du = p dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|u| = \int p(x) dx \quad \Leftarrow ? \text{ no constant?}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = \pm e^{\int p(x) dx}$$

Ex:  $x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y - x^3 = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{4}{x}y = x^2$$

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 $p(x)$   $f(x)$

So, what is  $u$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(x) &= \pm e^{\int p(x) dx} \\
 &= \pm e^{\int 4/x dx} \\
 &= \pm e^{4 \ln x dx} \\
 &= \pm e^{\ln x^4 dx} \\
 &= \pm x^4
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + x^4 \left(\frac{4}{x}\right) y = x^4 x^2$