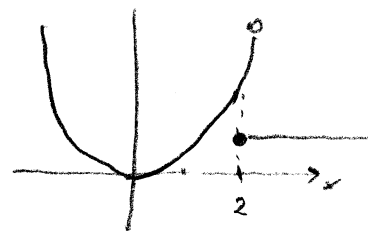


$$\text{Ex. } \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x < 2 \\ 1 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



The solution, if one exists is given by

$$\int_0^x \frac{dy}{ds} ds = \int_0^x f(s) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) - y(0) = \int_0^x f(s) ds$$

1. We may not know $y(0)$. However, if we can integrate, $f(s)$, we will have an expression "up to" the constant $y(0)$.
2. There are two cases we need to consider

a. $x < 2$ $f = x^2$

b. $x \geq 2$ $f = 1$

Case 1. $x < 2 \Rightarrow f(x) = x^2$

$$\int_0^x f(s) ds = \int_0^x s^2 ds = \frac{1}{3} s^3 \Big|_0^x = \frac{1}{3} x^3 - \frac{1}{3} 0^3 = \frac{1}{3} x^3$$

This works for any $x < 2$ and

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

Case 2. $x \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^x f(s) ds &= \int_0^2 f(s) ds + \int_2^x f(s) ds \\ &= \int_0^2 s^2 ds + \int_2^x (1) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{3} s^3 \Big|_0^2 + s \Big|_2^x \end{aligned}$$

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

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$$= \frac{8}{3} + x - 2 = \frac{2}{3} + x$$

and

$$y(x) = y(0) + \frac{2}{3} + x$$

To write the solution completely, we can write

$$y(x) = y(0) + \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}x^3 & x < 2 \\ \frac{2}{3} + x & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

What happens at $x=2$?

$$y(2) = y(0) + \begin{cases} \frac{8}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \end{cases} \Rightarrow y(2) = y(0) + \frac{8}{3} = \text{continuous!}$$

First Order ODEs: \Rightarrow max derivative is $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

We start with DEs of the form

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

Ex: $x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 6 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y+6}{x}$

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 y^2 = x^2$
 \uparrow nonlinear

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} + 4xy = 2xy^2$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2 - 4xy$

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 3y^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3y^2 - 4y$$

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = x \quad \Rightarrow \text{Not in derivative form.}$

3.2 Constant Solutions.

Ex: Consider

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2 - 4xy = f(x, y)$$

If $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow y(x)$ does not change

$$0 = 2xy^2 - 4xy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy(y-2) = 0$$

We can choose $y=0$, or $y=2$ to get a result like we want.

So, there are two possible constant solutions

Constant solutions are also called equilibria.

$\Rightarrow y=0$ is an equilibrium solution!

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2 - 4xy$, try $y=3$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 = 2x(9) - 4x(3)$$

$$= 18x - 12x = 6x \neq 0 \quad (\text{only if } x=0)$$

Recall that we are considering first order ODEs of the form

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

with a possible initial condition.

Ex. $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = x \quad \leftarrow \text{cannot solve explicitly for } y'$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

Ex. $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-2x)(y^2-9)$

Let's find the equilibrium solution for this ODE. Set $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ and solve for y .

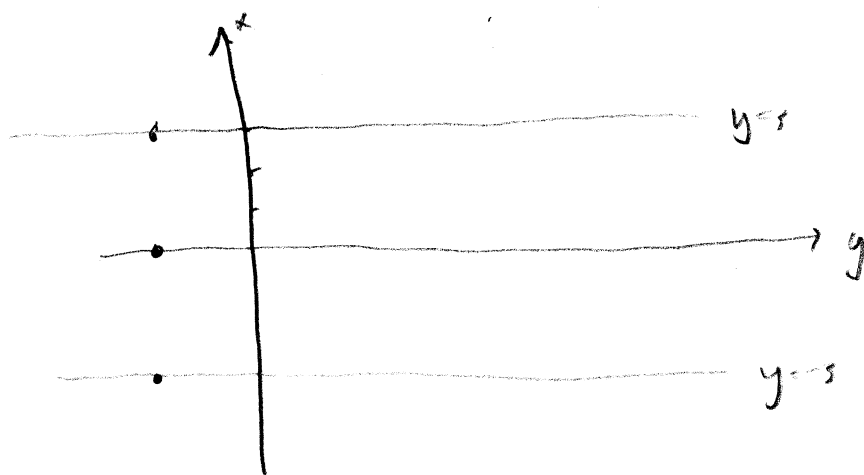
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (y-2x)(y^2-9) \\ &= (y-2x)(y+3)(y-3) \end{aligned}$$

So

$y = 2x$
 $y = -3$
 $y = +3$ \rightarrow this is NOT an equilibrium solution since y varies with x . That is, y is NOT a constant

$y = +3, y = -3$ are both equilibrium solutions

Let's look at a picture



If we specify $y(-1)=3$, then $y(x)=3$

If we specify $y(-1)=3$, then $y(x)=-3$

What happens if we specify $y(-1)=0$. Is there a solution that can be determined that

1. satisfies the ODE

2. satisfies the I.C $y(-1)=0$

Right now, we are assuming a solution exists. It would be nice to know up front that a solution can be found

Ex. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \ln(x)$, $y(x_0)=1$

$$y(x) = x \ln(x) - x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = x_0 \ln(x_0) - x_0 + C \Rightarrow C = 1 + x_0 - x_0 \ln(x_0)$$

What if we choose $x_0=0$? There is a problem

Math to the rescue.

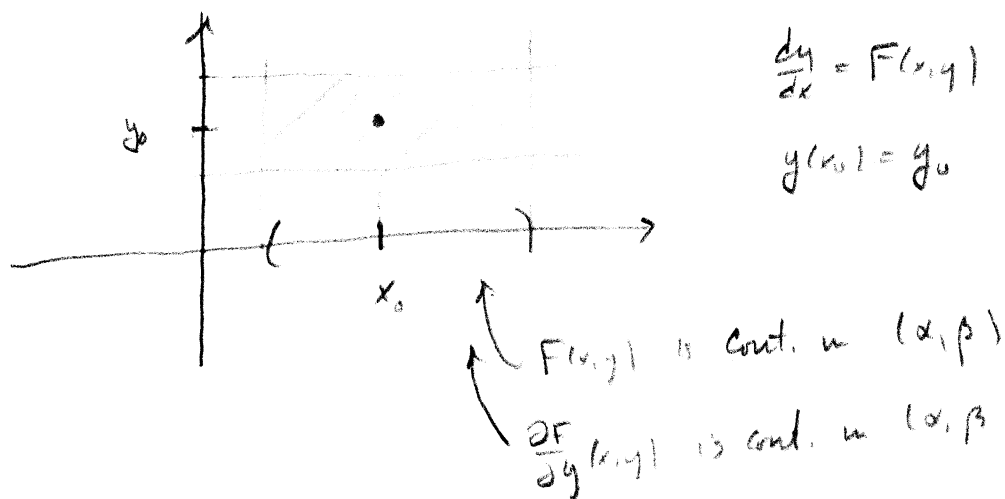
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Theorem. Consider a first order initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y) \\ y(x_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

in which both $F(x, y)$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x, y)$ are continuous functions on some open region of the (x, y) -plane containing the point (x_0, y_0) then the initial value problem has exactly one solution over some interval containing the point (x_0, y_0)

Draw a picture on the board



Test continuity of $F(x, y)$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x, y)$

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 y^2 = x^2 \\ y(0) = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$F(x, y) = x^2 y^2 + x^2 \Rightarrow \text{cont.}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = x^2(2y) + 0 = 2x^2 y \Rightarrow \text{cont.}$$