

# VV286 Review 1

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# Separable Equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y), \quad y(\xi) = \eta$$

1.  $g(\eta) \neq 0$

$$\int_{\eta}^y \frac{ds}{g(s)} = \int_{\xi}^x f(t)dt \quad (\text{Unique solution})$$

2.  $g(\eta) = 0$

2.1 Obvious solution

$$y(x) = \eta$$

2.2 Check  $\int_{\eta}^y \frac{ds}{g(s)}$  in a small neighbourhood of  $\eta$

# Linear Equations

$$a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = f(x)$$

1. Solve  $a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0$  to find  $y_{\text{hom}}$ .
2. Use  $y_{\text{hom}}$  to find  $y_{\text{part}}$ . Set  $y_{\text{part}}(x) = c(x)y_{\text{hom}}(x)$ , then solve  $c(x)$ .

$$y = y_{\text{part}} + C \cdot y_{\text{hom}}$$

# Transformable Equations

$$y' = f(ax + by + c); b \neq 0$$

$$u(x) = ax + by(x) + c$$

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

$$u(x) = \frac{y(x)}{x}$$

$$y' + gy + hy^\alpha = 0, \alpha \neq 1 \text{ (Bernoulli's equation)}$$

$$u(x) = (y(x))^{1-\alpha}$$

$$y' + gy + hy^\alpha = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\alpha)y^{-\alpha}y' + (1-\alpha)gy^{1-\alpha} + (1-\alpha)h = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y^{1-\alpha})' + (1-\alpha)gy^{1-\alpha} + (1-\alpha)h = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u' + (1-\alpha)gu + (1-\alpha)h = 0$$

## Note

1.  $\alpha > 0, y = 0$
2.  $\alpha$  is odd,  $y_- = -y_+$

$$y' + gy + hy^2 = k \text{ (Ricatti's equation)}$$

1. Guess or given a solution  $\phi$
2. For other solution  $y$ , set  $u = y - \phi$ , then

$$\begin{cases} y' + gy + hy^2 = k \\ \phi' + g\phi + h\phi^2 = k \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y' - \phi') + g(y - \phi) + h(y - \phi)(y + \phi) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u' + gu + hu(u + 2\phi) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u' + (g + 2\phi h)u + hu^2 = 0$$

$$h(x, y)y' + g(x, y) = 0$$

$$h(x, y)y' + g(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ y' \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} g(x, y) \\ h(x, y) \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 0$$

Find a potential function  $U(x, y)$  whose gradient at each point is parallel to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} g(x, y) \\ h(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$  i.e.

$$\nabla U(x, y) = M(x, y) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} g(x, y) \\ h(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

Then for any constant  $C$ ,  $U(x, y) = C$  is a solution.

## Requirement

$$\frac{\partial M(x, y)g(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial M(x, y)h(x, y)}{\partial x} \quad (\text{Rotation is zero})$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}g + M\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x}h + M\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

## Assumption

1.  $M$  depends only on  $x$  or only on  $y$
2.  $M$  depends only on  $x \cdot y$

## Exercise 1.9

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{y} + 3\frac{y}{x}\right)y' + \left(3x + \frac{6}{y}\right) = 0$$



# Implicit Differential Equations

## Slope parametrization

Given  $y''$  exists and  $y'' \neq 0$ ,  $y'$  is monotonic function of  $x$ . We can use slope to parametrize the solution curve.

$$p = y'(x) = y'(x(p))$$

$$\frac{dy(p)}{dp} = \frac{d}{dp}y(x(p)) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x(p)} \cdot \frac{dx(p)}{dp} = p \cdot \frac{dx(p)}{dp}$$

$$F(y, y'; x) = 0$$

1. Try to use slope parametrization. Solve

$$F(y(p), p; x(p)) = 0, y'(p) = px'(p)$$

2. Straight line solution.

## General Implicit Differential Equation

Use slope parametrization,

$$\begin{aligned} F(y, y'; x) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow F(y(p), p; x(p)) &= 0 \\ \xrightarrow{\partial/\partial p} F_x \dot{x} + F_y \dot{y} + F_p &= 0 \\ \xrightarrow{y'(p)=px'(p)} \dot{x} = -\frac{F_p}{F_x + pF_y}, \quad \dot{y} &= -\frac{pF_p}{F_x + pF_y} \end{aligned}$$

## $y = xy' + g(y')$ (Clairaut's equation)

Assume  $g \in C^1(I)$  for some interval  $I$ .

1. Use slope parametrization,  $y(p) = x(p) \cdot p + g(p)$ , then

$$y'(p) = px'(p) + x(p) + g'(p)$$

Since  $y'(p) = px'(p)$ ,

$$x(p) = -g'(p), \quad y(p) = -pg'(p) + g(p)$$

2. Straight line solution:  $y = cx + g(c)$ ,  $c \in I$

$y = xf(y') + g(y')$  (d'Alembert's equation)

Assume  $f, g \in C^1(I)$  for some interval  $I$ .

1. Use slope parametrization,  $y(p) = x(p) \cdot f(p) + g(p)$ , then

$$y'(p) = f(p)x'(p) + f'(p)x(p) + g'(p)$$

Since  $y'(p) = px'(p)$ ,  $x'(p) = \frac{f'(p)x(p) + g'(p)}{p - f(p)}$

2. Straight line  $y = cx + d$  is solution if and only if  
 $c = f(c)$ ,  $d = g(c)$

# Concept

## Equilibrium solution

$$x_{equi}(t) = \textit{constant}$$

## Steady-state solution

$$x_{ss}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$$

## Transient solution

$$x(t) - x_{ss}$$

Steady-state solution is often (but not always) equal to the equilibrium solution

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-x}} \\ \Rightarrow y' &= -\frac{e^{-x}}{(1 - e^{-x})^2} = \frac{1 - e^{-x} - 1}{(1 - e^{-x})^2} = y - y^2 \\ \Rightarrow y' &= y(1 - y)\end{aligned}$$

Equilibrium solution:  $y_1 = 1, y_2 = 0$

Steady-state solution:  $y_{ss}(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-x}} = 1$

$$a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = f(x), \quad y(\xi) = \eta$$

## Differential Operator

$$L = a_1 \frac{d}{dx} + a_0$$

## Homogeneous/Inhomogeneous

$f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in I$ ;  $\exists x \in I, f(x) \neq 0$ .

## Initial Condition

$\eta$  is called initial condition for  $y$ .

$\eta = 0$  homogeneous initial condition

## Data

The pair  $\{f, \eta\}$

## Singular Point

If  $a_1(x_0) = 0$ , we say that  $x_0$  is a singular point for  $L$ .

## Implicit Equation

If  $F(y_0, p_0; x_0) = 0$  and  $F(y, p; x) = 0$  can be solved for  $p$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$  in some neighborhood  $U$  of  $(x_0, y_0, p_0)$ , then  $(x_0, y_0, p_0)$  is said to be a **regular line element**, otherwise a **singular line element**.

A solution  $y$  of the implicit ODE  $F(y, y'; x) = 0$  is said to be **regular** on an interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  if for all  $x \in I$  the line elements  $(x, y(x), y'(x))$  are regular.

A point  $(x, y)$  is said to be a **singular point** of the ODE if there exists a singular line element  $(x, y, p)$ .



## Envelope

A one-parameter family of smooth curves in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a set

$$\mathcal{F} = \{C_s, s \in I\}$$

where  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  is some interval and each  $C_s$  is a smooth curve.

An **envelope** of  $\mathcal{F}$  is a curve  $\mathcal{E}$  such that every point of  $\mathcal{E}$  is tangent to a curve in  $\mathcal{F}$ .