

VV286
Honors Mathematics IV
Ordinary Differential Equations
Assignment 1

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1 Exercise 1

1.1

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VectorPlot[{1, Sqrt[Abs[y]]}, {x, -2, 2}, {y, -2, 2},  
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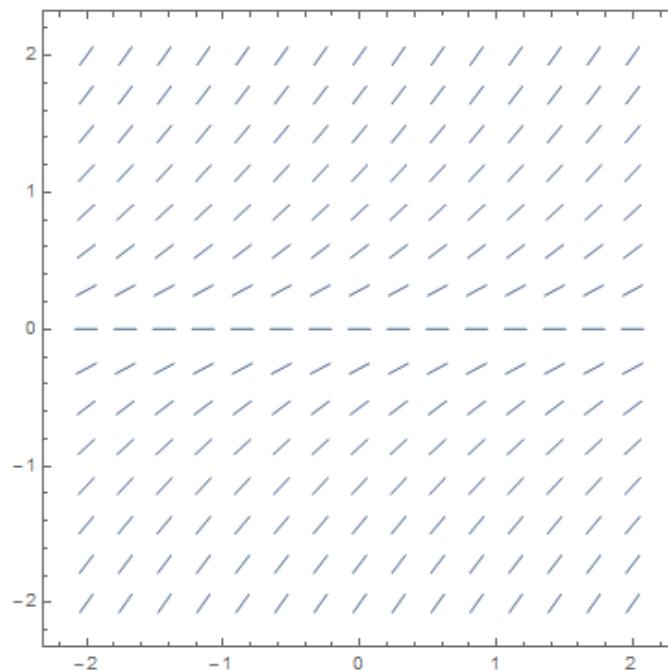


Figure 1: Direction field for $y' = \sqrt{|y|}$

1.2

If $\forall x \in R, y(x) = 0$, we can see that this is a solution to the differential equation $y' = \sqrt{|y|}$. For other possible solutions, they can be found through the equation

$$\int_0^y \frac{ds}{\sqrt{|s|}} = \int_1^x dt$$

we can see that the integral on the left-hand side left-hand side exists for y in a small neighborhood of 0 since

$$\int_0^y \frac{ds}{\sqrt{|s|}} = \begin{cases} \int_0^y \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}}, s \geq 0 \\ \int_0^y \frac{ds}{\sqrt{-s}}, s < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{y}, y \geq 0 \\ -2\sqrt{-y}, y < 0 \end{cases}$$

So the possible solution except $y = 0$ is given by $x - 1 = \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{y}, y \geq 0 \\ -2\sqrt{-y}, y < 0 \end{cases}$, i.e. $y =$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2, x \geq 1 \\ -\frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2, x < 1 \end{cases}$$

For this function, first we can see that it's differentiable since $\lim_{x \nearrow 1} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 = \lim_{x \searrow 1} \frac{dy}{dx}$.

And for $x \geq 1$, $y \geq 0$ and $y' = \frac{1}{2}(x-1) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2} = \sqrt{y}$; while for $x < 1$, $y < 0$ and $y' = -\frac{1}{2}(x-1) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2} = \sqrt{-y}$. So $y' = \sqrt{|y|}$ always holds and therefore this is a solution for the differential equation.

To sum up, all solutions of this problem are

1. $y = 0 (x \in \mathbb{R})$
2. $y = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2, & x \geq 1 \\ -\frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2, & x < 1 \end{cases}$

2 Exercise 2

3 Exercise 3

Proof: Since $y_\xi(\xi) = 0$, then $\forall \xi \in \bar{I}$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi(x) d\xi = y_x(x) f(x) + \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y'_\xi(x) d\xi = \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y'_\xi(x) d\xi$$

Since $y'_\xi(\xi) = 0$, then $\forall \xi \in \bar{I}$

$$y'' = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y'_\xi(x) d\xi = y'_x(x) f(x) + \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y''_\xi(x) d\xi = \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y''_\xi(x) d\xi$$

So we can see that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \leq p-1$, $y^{(n)} = \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi^{(n)}(x) d\xi$, ($y^{(0)} = y$). Since $y_\xi^{(p-1)}(\xi) = \frac{1}{a_p(\xi)}$, then

$$y^{(p)} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi^{(p-1)}(x) d\xi = y_x^{(p-1)}(x) f(x) + \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi^{(p)}(x) d\xi = \frac{f(x)}{a_p(x)} + \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi^{(p)}(x) d\xi$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \leq p-1$, $y^{(n)}(x_0) = \int_{x_0}^{x_0} f(\xi) y_\xi^{(n)}(x) d\xi = 0$, so $y(x) = \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi(x) d\xi$ satisfies the initial condition. Moreover, since $\sum_{n=0}^p (a_n(x) y_\xi^{(n)}(x)) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & a_p(x) y^{(p)} + \cdots + a_1(x) y' + a_0(x) y \\ &= a_p(x) \left(\frac{f(x)}{a_p(x)} + \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi^{(p)}(x) d\xi \right) + \sum_{n=0}^{p-1} (a_n(x) \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi^{(n)}(x) d\xi) \\ &= f(x) + \sum_{n=0}^p (a_n(x) \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi^{(n)}(x) d\xi) \\ &= f(x) + \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) \sum_{n=0}^p (a_n(x) y_\xi^{(n)}(x)) d\xi \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

So $y(x) = \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi) y_\xi(x) d\xi$ solves $a_p(x) y^{(p)} + \cdots + a_1(x) y' + a_0(x) y = f(x)$.

4 Exercise 4

Proof: Since y_{hom} is a solution of $a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0$, $a_1(x)y'_{hom}(x) + a_0(x)y_{hom}(x) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y &= f(x) \\ \Rightarrow a_1(x)\left(\frac{d}{dx}(c(x)y_{hom}(x))\right) + a_0(x)c(x)y_{hom}(x) &= f(x) \\ \Rightarrow a_1(x)c'(x)y_{hom}(x) + c(x)(a_1(x)y'_{hom}(x) + a_0(x)y_{hom}(x)) &= f(x) \\ \Rightarrow a_1(x)c'(x)y_{hom}(x) &= f(x) \\ \Rightarrow c'(x) &= \frac{f(x)}{a_1(x)y_{hom}(x)} \\ \Rightarrow \int_{x_0}^x c'(\xi)d\xi &= \int_{x_0}^x \frac{f(\xi)}{a_1(\xi)y_{hom}(\xi)}d\xi \\ \Rightarrow c(x) &= \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi)d\xi \text{ (Let } c(x_0) = 0, \text{ and use } \forall \xi \in \bar{I} a_1(\xi)y_{hom}(\xi) = 1) \\ \Rightarrow y_{part}(x) &= c(x)y_{hom}(x) = y_{hom}(x) \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi)d\xi = \int_{x_0}^x f(\xi)y_{hom}(x)d\xi\end{aligned}$$

So this differential equation yields the same solution formula as the Duhamel principle.

5 Exercise 5

For "Washing of Feet",

$$\lambda y_0 = 12.6 \times 2^{150 \div 11} - 0.26 \times (2^{150 \div 11} - 1) \approx 157134$$

For "Woman Reading Music",

$$\lambda y_0 = 10.3 \times 2^{150 \div 11} - 0.3 \times (2^{150 \div 11} - 1) \approx 127337$$

For "Woman Playing Mandolin",

$$\lambda y_0 = 8.2 \times 2^{150 \div 11} - 0.17 \times (2^{150 \div 11} - 1) \approx 102252$$

All these values are unacceptably large. Thus, "Washing of Feet", "Woman Reading Music" and "Woman playing Mandolin" are forgeries.

6 Exercise 6

6.1

According to the question, we have the following differentiable equation:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = k(60 - X)(150 - X), X(5) = 10$$

where k is a constant.

The unique solution of this equation can be obtained from:

$$\int_{10}^X \frac{ds}{(60 - s)(150 - s)} = \int_5^t k dt$$

So $90k(t-5) = \int_{10}^X (\frac{1}{60-s} - \frac{1}{150-s}) ds = \ln \frac{150-X}{60-X} - \ln 2.8$. When $t = 0, X = 0$, so $-450k = \ln(2.5/2.8)$. So $X = 60 - \frac{90}{2.8 \cdot (25/28)^{(5-t)/5} - 1}$

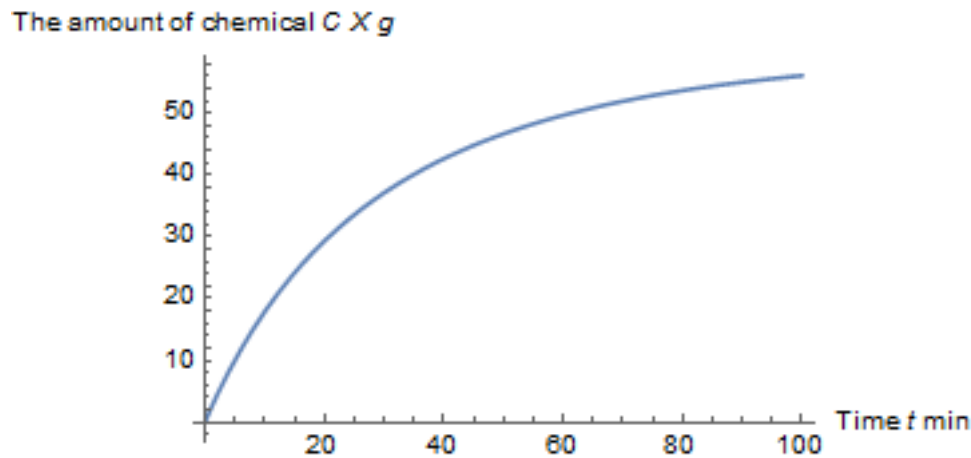


Figure 2: The amount of chemical C formed as a function of time

6.2

$$X(20) = 60 - \frac{90}{2.8 \cdot (25/28)^{(5-20)/5} - 1} \approx 29.323g$$

So there are 29.323g chemical C formed in 20 minutes.

6.3

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} X(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 60 - \frac{90}{2.8 \cdot (25/28)^{(5-t)/5} - 1} = 60g$$

So the limiting amount of C as time $t \rightarrow \infty$ is 60g.

6.4

$$M_A = 40 - 60 \times 2 \div 3 = 0g, M_B = 50 - 60 \times 1 \div 3 = 30g$$

So as time $t \rightarrow \infty$, chemicals A remains 0g, chemicals B remains 30g.

7 Exercise 7

7.1

The solution that pass through $(2, 1/4)$ is $y = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{2-3x}, & x < 0 \\ \frac{2}{2+3x}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$

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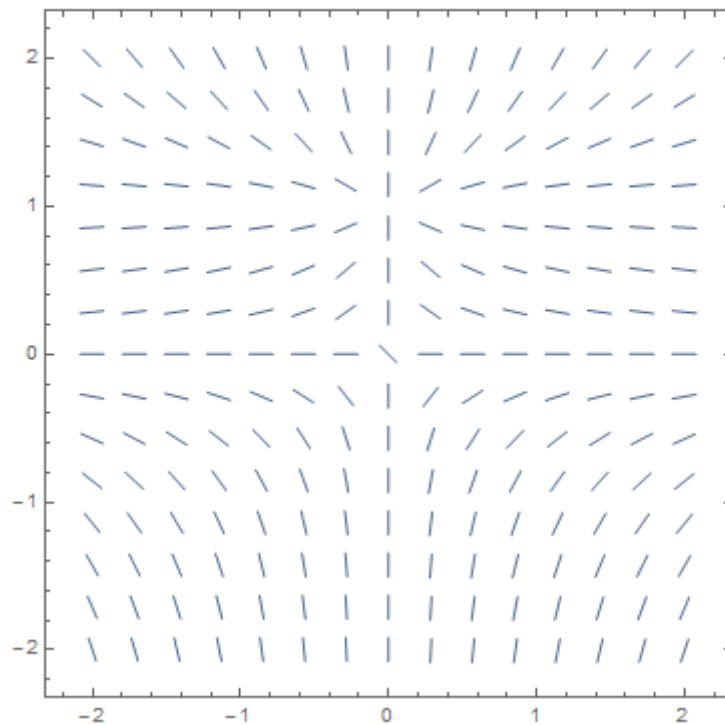


Figure 3: The direction field of the equation $xy' = y^2 - y$

7.2

The solution that pass through $(1/2, 1/2)$ is $y = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-2x}, x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{1+2x}, x > 0 \end{cases}$

7.3

Since $(0,2)$ doesn't satisfy the differentiable equation, so there is no solution for this situation.

7.4

One solution that pass through $(0,1)$ is $y = 1$

8 Exercise 8

8.1

1. $y = -1$ is a solution of the equation $y' = (1+x)(1+y)$
2. If there exists some x_0 such that $y(x_0) = y_0 \neq -1$, then the solution can be found

by

$$\int_{y_0}^y \frac{ds}{1+s} = \int_{x_0}^x 1+t dt$$

So

$$t + \frac{1}{2}t^2|_{x_0}^x = \ln(1+s)|_{y_0}^y \Rightarrow y = (1+y_0)e^{0.5x^2+x-x_0-0.5x_0^2} - 1$$

To sum up, the general solution to $y' = (1+x)(1+y)$ with initial value $y(x_0) = y_0$ is

$$y = (1+y_0)e^{0.5x^2+x-x_0-0.5x_0^2} - 1$$

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8.2

The solution to $y' = e^{x+y+3}$ can be found by

$$\int_{y_0}^y \frac{ds}{e^s} = \int_{x_0}^x e^{t+3} dt$$

So

$$e^{t+3}|_{x_0}^x = -e^{-s}|_{y_0}^y \Rightarrow y = -\ln(e^{-y_0} - e^{x+3} + e^{x_0+3})$$

To sum up, the general solution to $y' = e^{x+y+3}$ with initial value $y(x_0) = y_0$ is

$$y = -\ln(e^{-y_0} + e^{x_0+3} - e^{x+3})$$

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