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$$F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$$

single ODE

$x$ : independent variable  
 $y$ : dependent variable

A solution is a function  $y = \phi(x)$ :

Such that  $F(x, \phi(x), \phi'(x), \dots, \phi^{(n)}(x))$   
 equals 0 identically.

ex |  $y' + y = 0 \iff \frac{dy}{dx} + y(x) = 0$

Q: is  $\phi(x) = 0$  a solution?

$$\phi'(x) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' + y &= 0 \\ \phi'(x) + \phi(x) &= 0 \\ 0 + 0 &= 0 \\ 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Q: is  $\phi(x) = e^{-x}$  a solution? yes.  
 $\phi'(x) = -e^{-x}$

$$\begin{aligned} y' + y &= 0 \\ \phi'(x) + \phi(x) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} e^{-x} - e^{-x} &= 0 \\ 0 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{yes,}$$

$$a: \phi(x) = e^x ?$$

$$\phi'(x) + \phi(x) = 0$$

$$e^x + e^x = 2e^x \neq 0 \quad \underline{\text{No.}}$$

(Not a solution)

in fact, any

$$\phi(x) = Ce^{-x}$$

is solution (for constant C)

ex]  $y'' + y = 0$  (2nd-order ODE)

[me: trig] 1)  $\phi(x) = 0$ ,  $\phi'(x) = 0$ ,  $\phi''(x) = 0$   
 $0 = 0$

$\phi(x) = 0$  is a solution

2)  $\phi(x) = \sin x$

$\phi'(x) = \cos x$

$\phi''(x) = -\sin x$

$\sin x - \sin x = 0 = 0$

$\phi(x) = \sin x$  is a solution.

$$y' = 3y^{2/3} \quad (\text{1st-order ODE})$$

$$1) \phi(x) = 0: \quad \phi'(x) = 0: \quad 0 = 0 \cdot 0^{2/3} = 0$$

↑  
solution

$$2) \phi(x) = x^3$$

$$\phi'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$3x^2 = 3(x^3)^{2/3} = 3x^2$$

$$\phi(x) = x^3 \text{ is a solution.}$$

could  
How ~~should~~ these solutions be found?

1st-Order ODE's

$$F(x, y, y') = 0 \quad \text{ex] } x - y + (y')^3 = 0$$

Assume: this eqn. can be simplified:

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

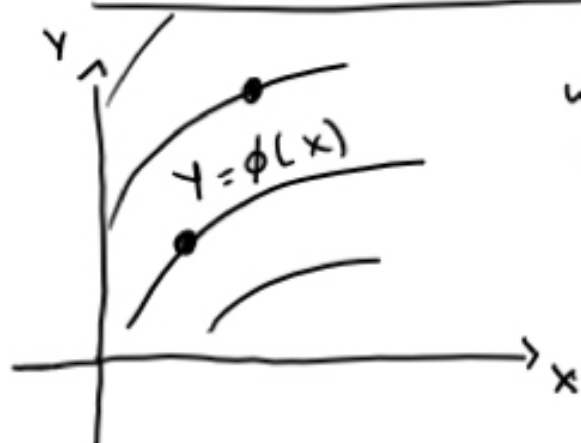
$$(y')^3 = -(x - y)$$

$$\text{ex] } y' = f(x, y) = \sqrt[3]{\text{~~some~~ } y - x}$$

▷ When do solutions of  $y' = f(x, y)$  exist?

related to that:

## Initial Value Problem



what mechanism singles out  
solutions from possible set?  
(Infinitely many available.)

$$y' = y$$

$$y = \phi(x)$$

Given two pieces of information:

- an eqn.  $y' = f(x, y)$
- a condition  $y(x_0) = y_0$

is there a solution  $y = \phi(x)$ ?

want  $y' = f(x)$  that satisfies condition  
 $y(x_0) = y_0$

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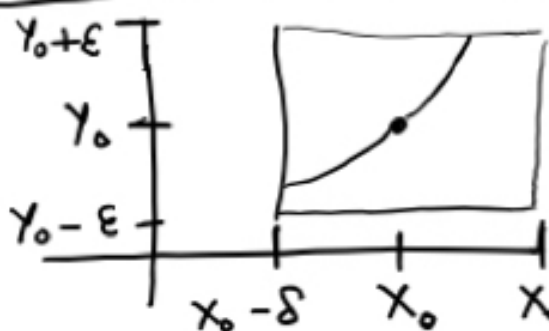
ex]  $y' + y = 0$       Solve this. ...  
 $y(0) = 1$       ... Subject to this.

$y = 0$  does not solve the IVP

$y = e^{-x}$  does solve the IVP

## Initial Value Problem:

$$- y' = f(x, y) \text{ subject to } y(x_0) = Y_0$$



If  $f(x, y)$   
and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y)$   
are continuous

in a (sufficiently small) rectangle around  $(x_0, Y_0)$ , the IVP has a unique solution  $y = \phi(x)$  for  $x - a < x < x + a$ , where  $a$  is a sufficiently small positive real number.

A simpler condition:  $f(x, y)$  is continuously differentiable in the rectangle (often easier to check)

ex |  $y' + y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$

$$y' = -y$$

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

continuously  
differentiable  
everywhere  
(Calc III)

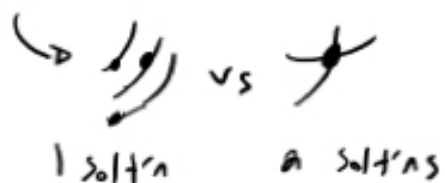


ex  $y' = 3y^{2/3}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$

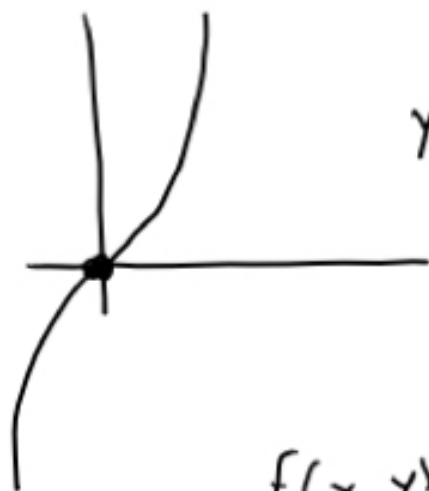
1)  $y = 0$  (solution)

2)  $y = x^3$  (solution)

(uniqueness is about this: the solution curves do not intersect.)



2)  $y = x^3$



$y=0$  and  $y=x^3$   
intersect at the origin  
(break the uniqueness  
property). Can't  
do IVP!

$f(x, y) = 3y^{2/3}$  okay

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y^{-1/3} = \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{y}}$   $\nwarrow$  DNE @  
0 — not

neither version of IVP prerequisite  
is satisfied; can't do it. Thus, no  
unique solution (as per IVP).  $\nearrow$  continuous