

Lecture 3

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ry$$

for some constant r . We will assume that $r > 0$.

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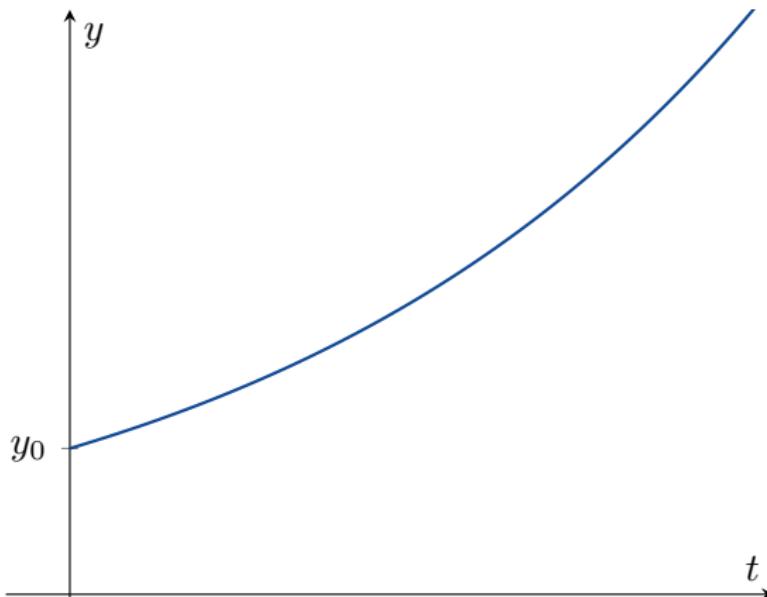
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- $h(y)$ decreases as y grows larger; and
- $h(y) < 0$ for large y .

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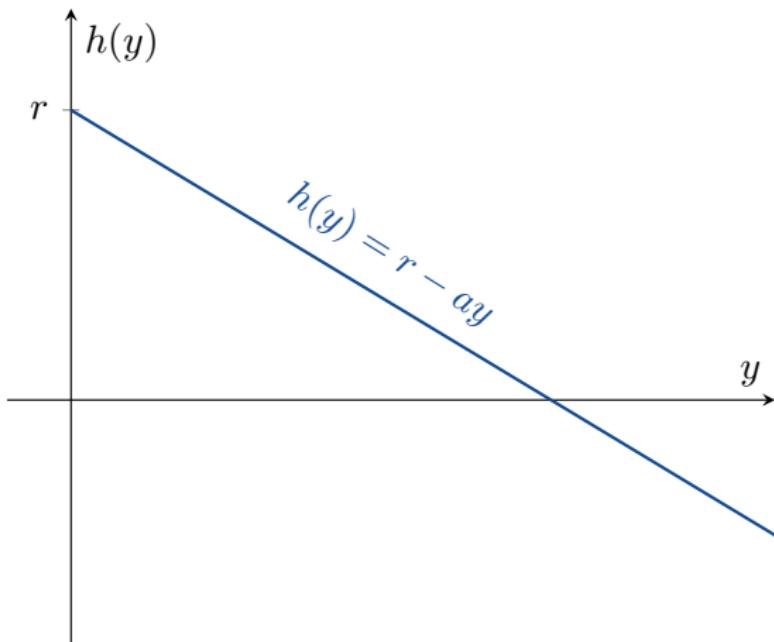


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which we will write as

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = r \left(1 - \frac{y}{K}\right) y$$

for $K = \frac{r}{a}$. This is called the *Logistic Equation*.

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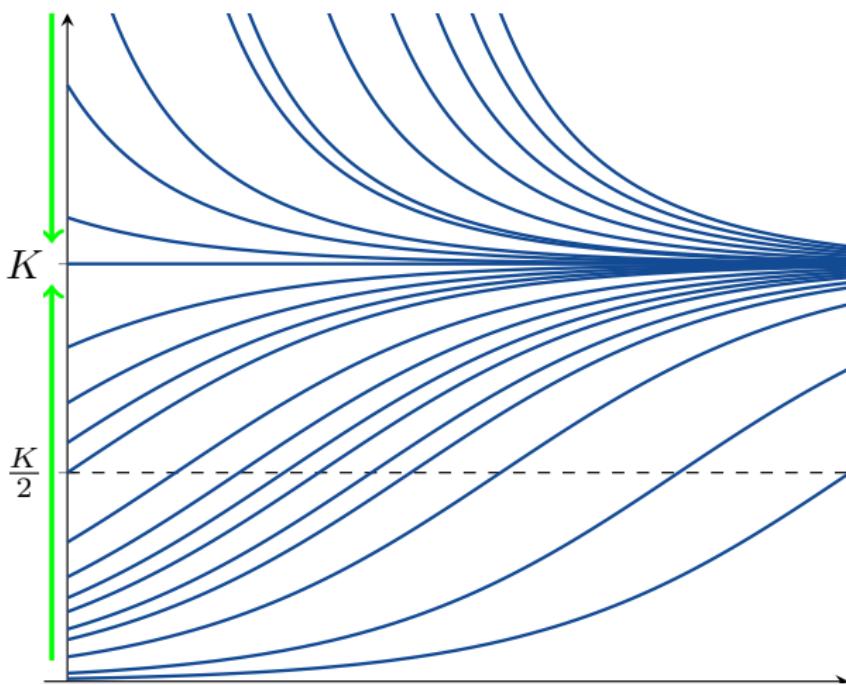


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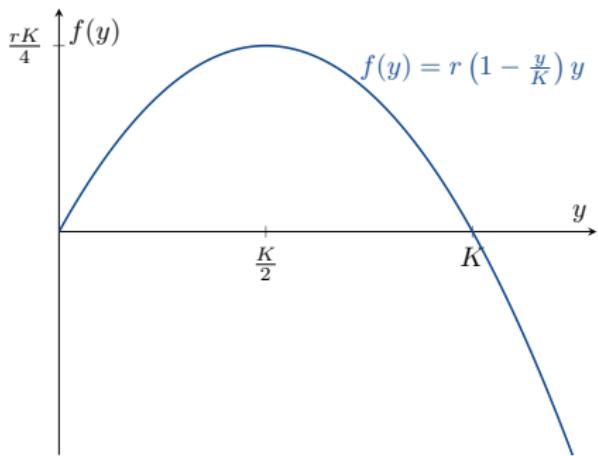
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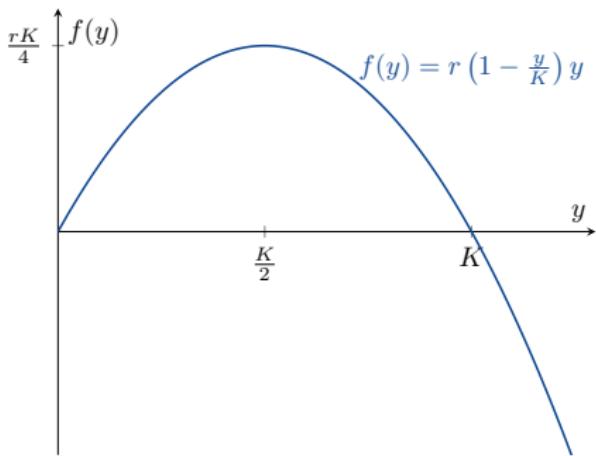
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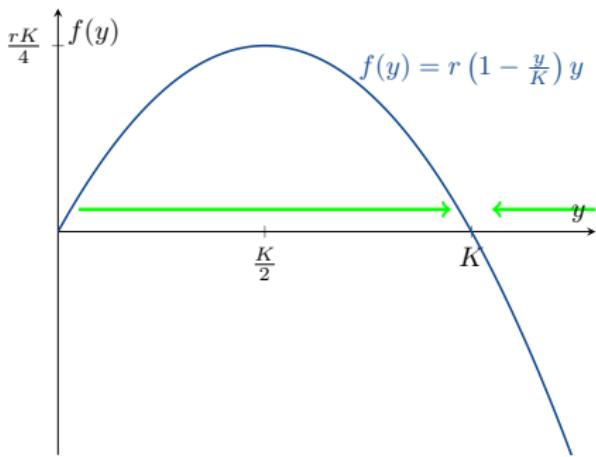
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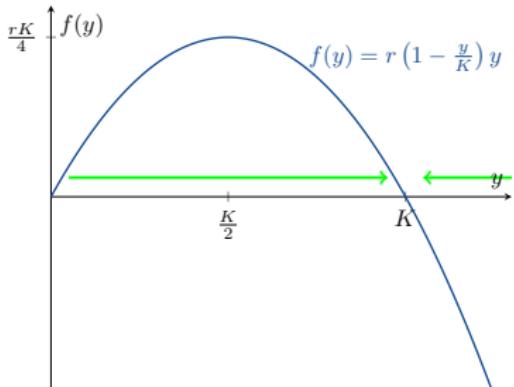
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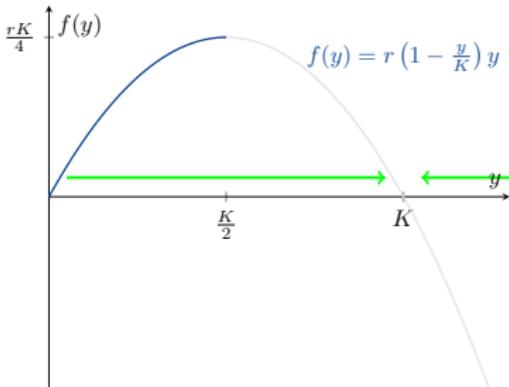
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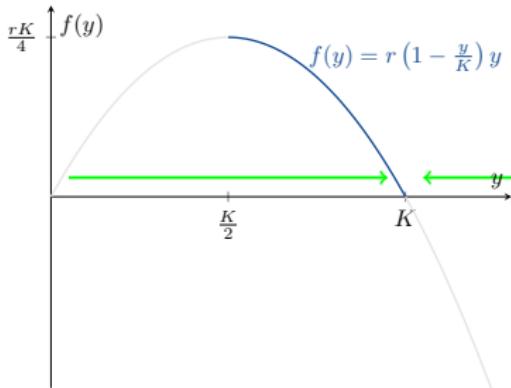
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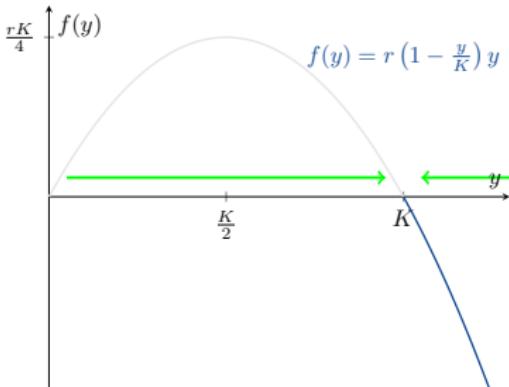
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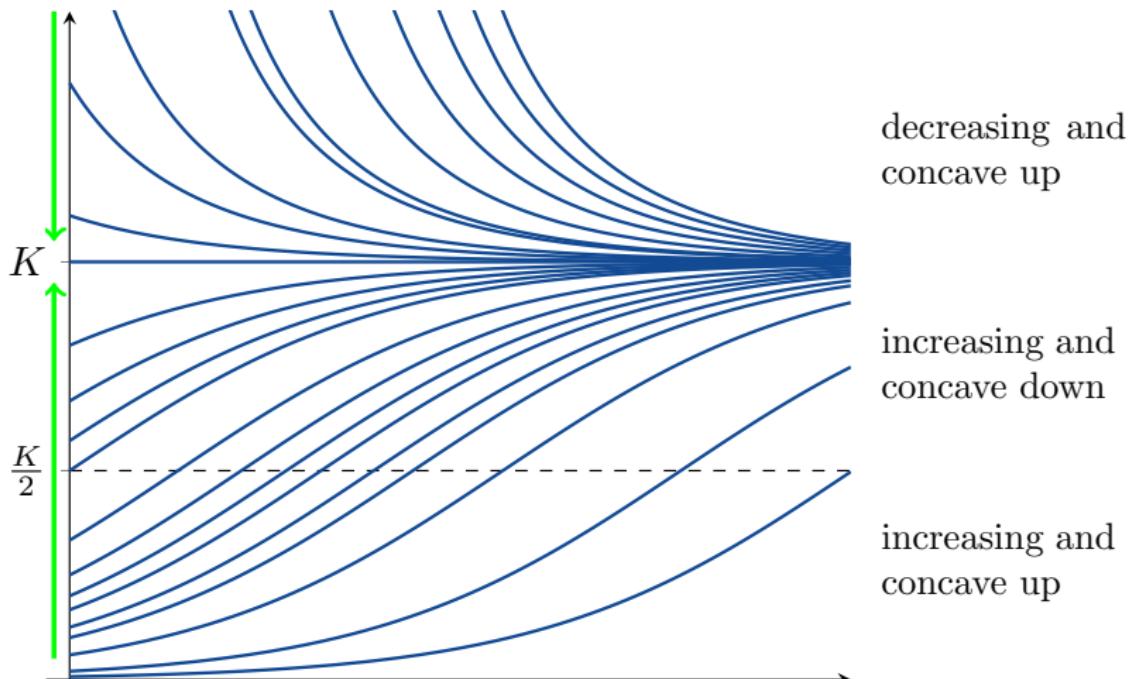


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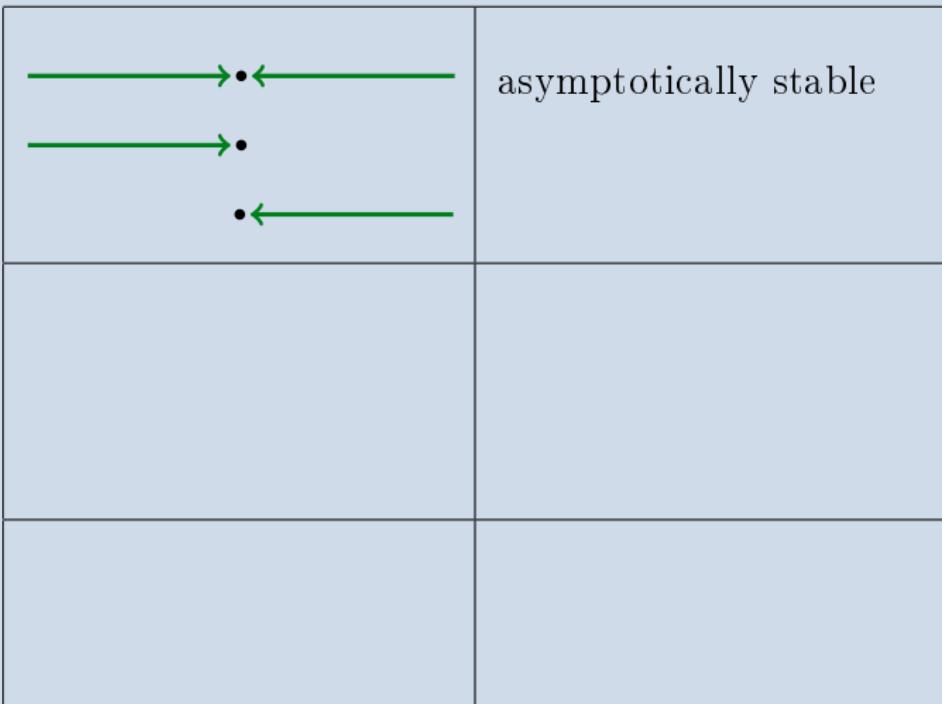
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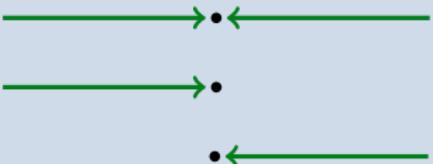
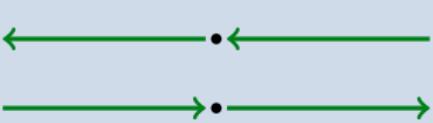
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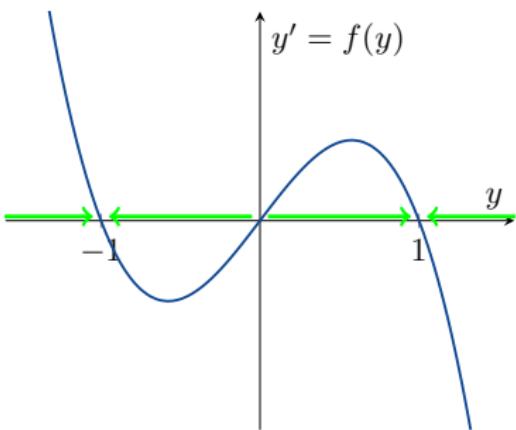
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \underbrace{y(1 - y^2)}_{f(y)} \quad (-\infty < y_0 < \infty)$$

and classify each as asymptotically stable, unstable or semistable.

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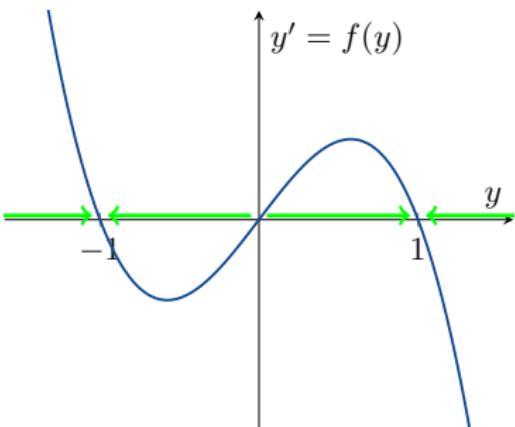
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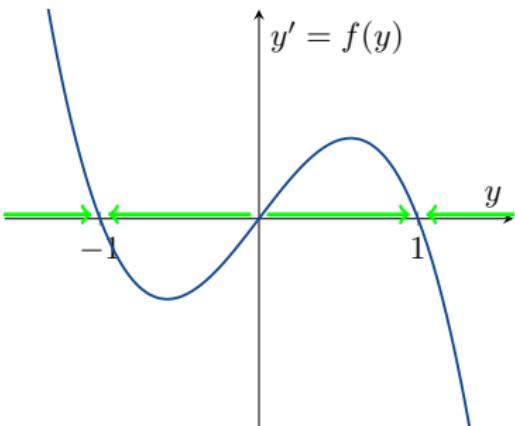


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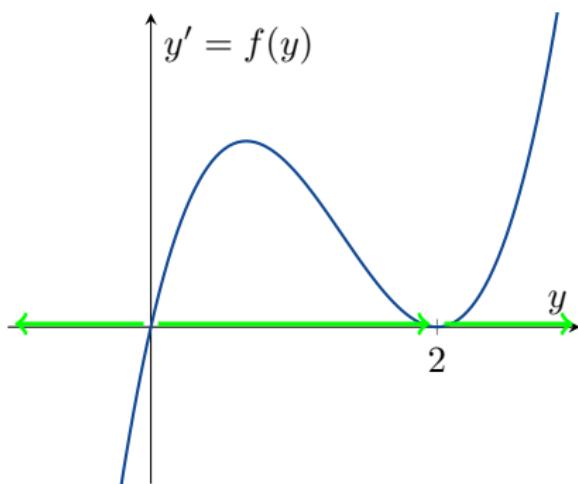
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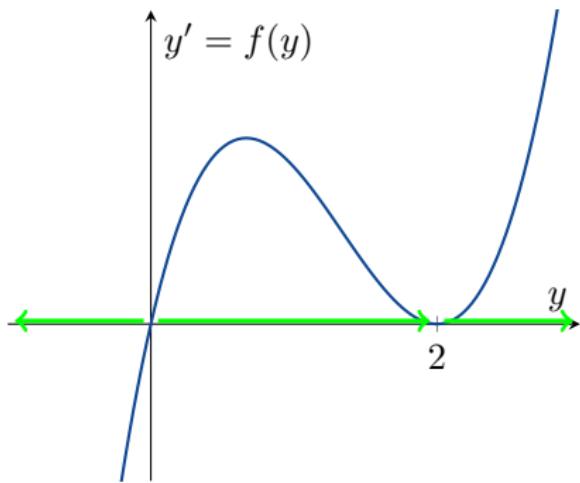
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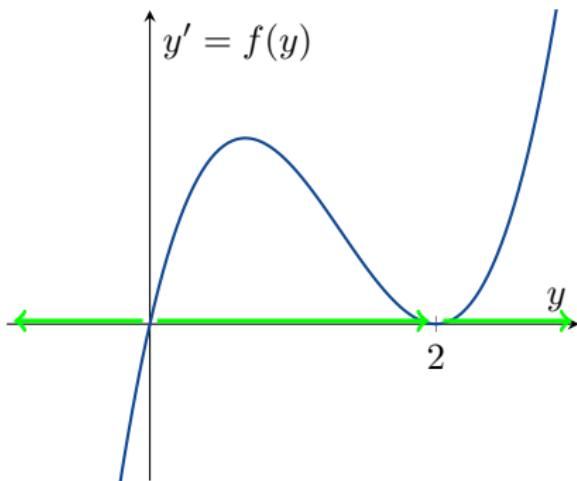


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Example

Consider the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y) = y^4 - 5y^3 + 6y^2. \quad (2)$$

- 1 Find all of the critical points of (2).
- 2 Sketch the graph of $f(y)$ versus y .
- 3 Determine whether each critical point is asymptotically stable, unstable or semistable.
- 4 Sketch 10 (or more) different solutions of (2).

(This is an exam question from 2013: Students had 30 minutes to solve this.)

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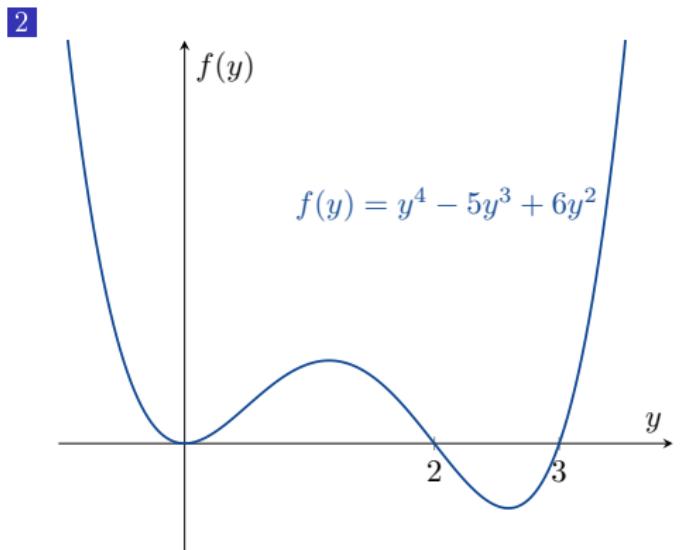
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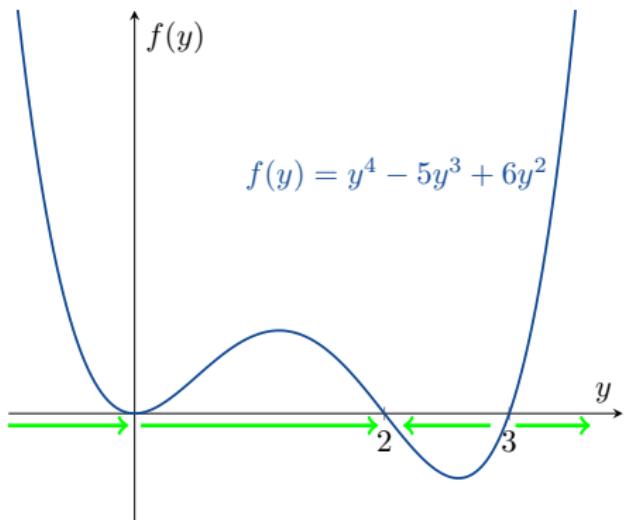


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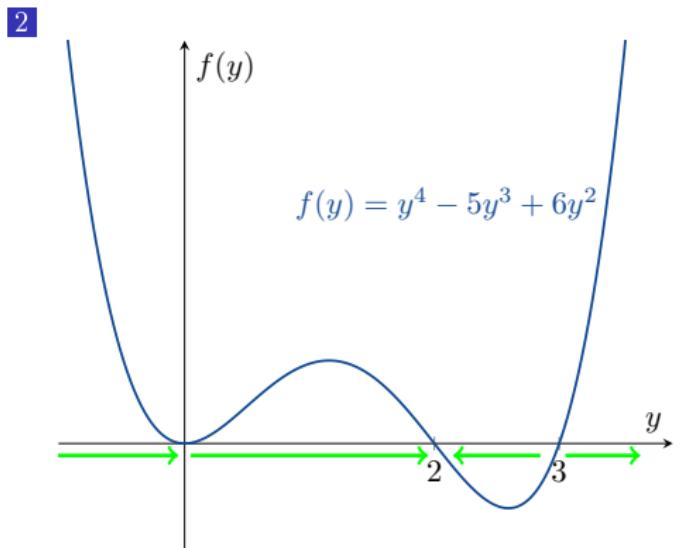
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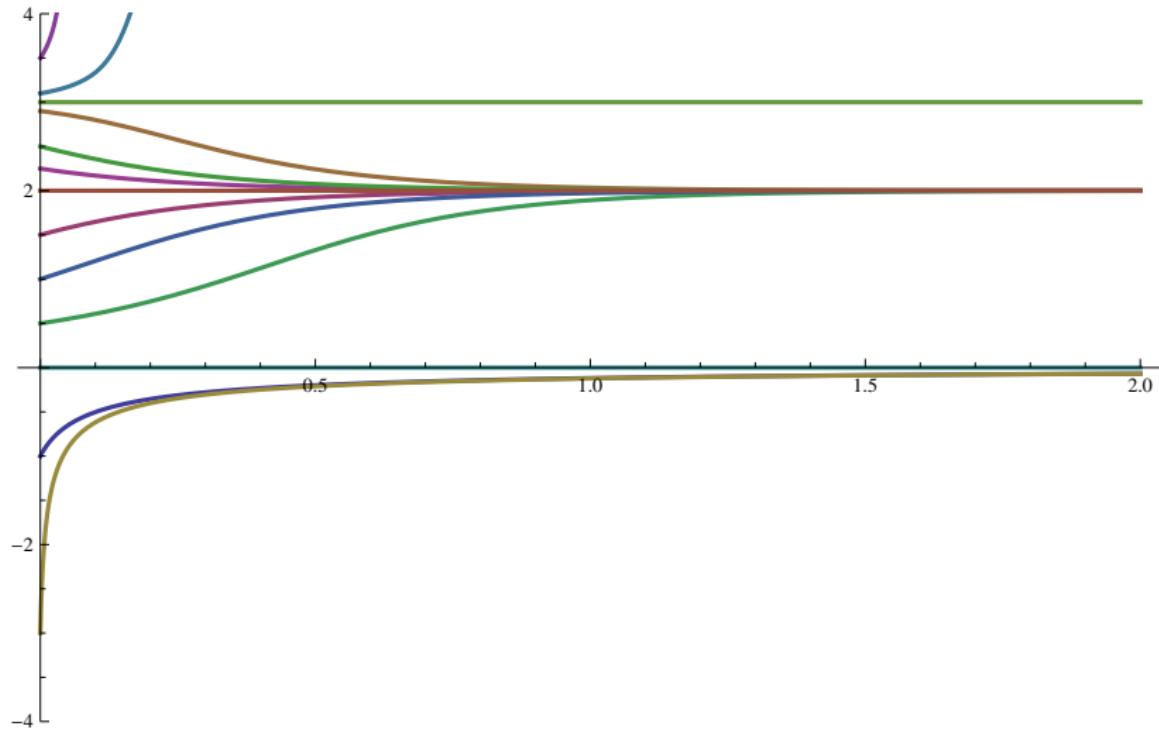


- 3 $y = 0$ is semistable, $y = 2$ is asymptotically stable and $y = 3$ is unstable.

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Example (A Critical Threshold)

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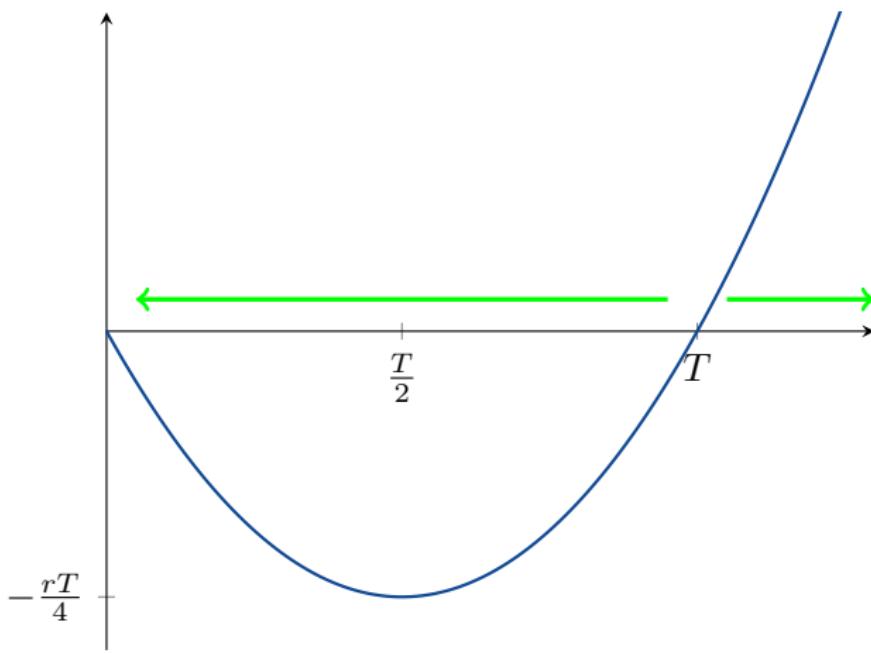
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where $T > 0$ and $r > 0$.

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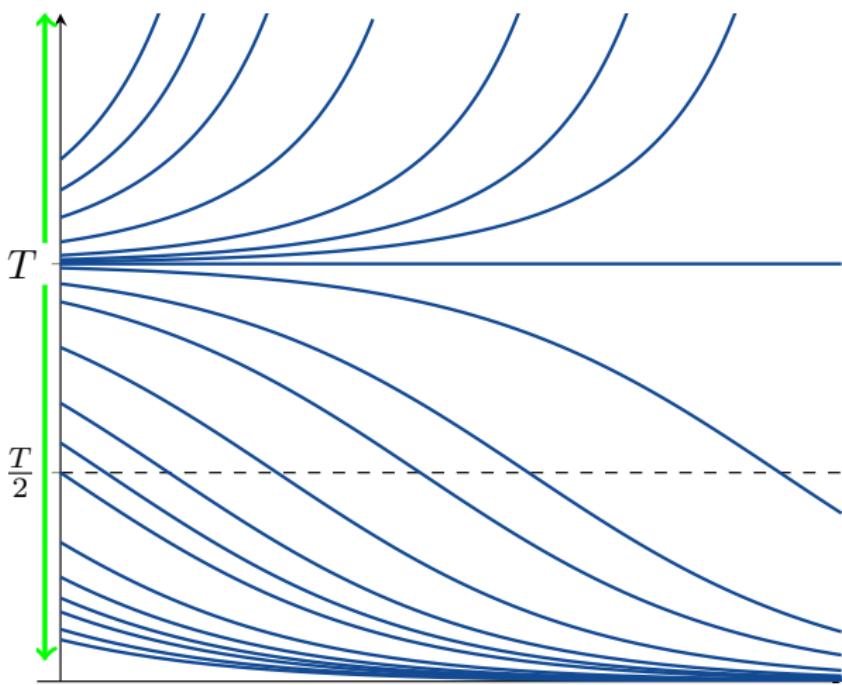


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With this information we can sketch some solutions

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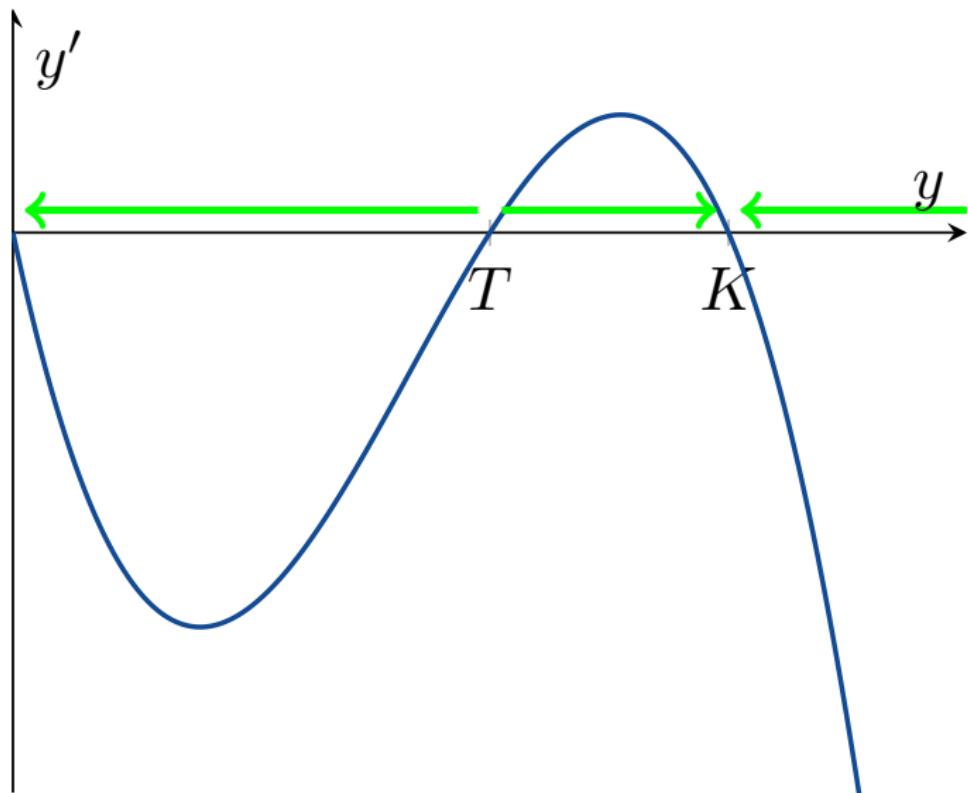
Example (Logistic Growth with a Threshold)

Now consider

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -r \left(1 - \frac{y}{T}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{K}\right) y$$

for $0 < T < K$ and $r > 0$.

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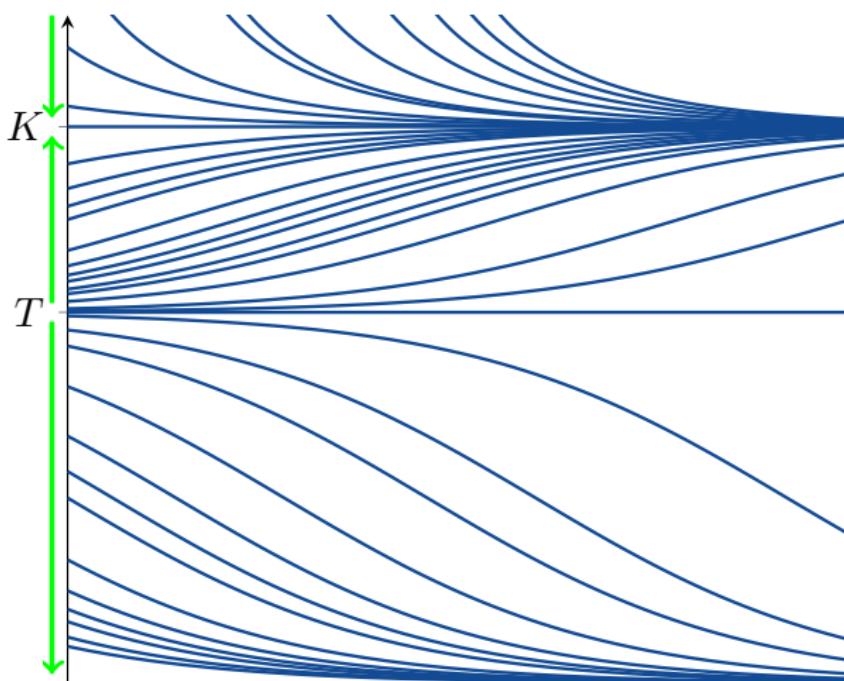
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Solutions look like this:



This is an equation which has been used by biologists to model certain populations of animals.



Exact Equations

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Previously we have looked at linear equations and separable equations. Now we will look at another special type of equation.

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$$\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0.$$

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Since $y(x)$ is a function of x , we also have that

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$$M(x, y) + N(x, y)y' = 0. \quad (3)$$

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which has solution

$$\psi(x, y) = c.$$

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Remark

To solve an exact equation:

- 1 Find $\psi(x, y)$;
- 2 Write $\psi(x, y) = c$.

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Suppose that M , N , M_y and N_x are continuous on the rectangular region $R = \{(x, y) : \alpha < x < \beta, \gamma < y < \delta\}$. Then

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I leave this one to you to solve. Please check that the solution is

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We can start with $\psi_x = 1$ or with $\psi_y = 1 + 2y + 3y^2$.



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So we need h to satisfy

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Integrating Factors

It is sometimes possible to convert a differential equation which is not exact into an exact equation by multiplying it by an integrating factor. (Do you remember how we solve linear equations?)

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Now

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If we can find $\mu(x, y)$ which solves (6), then (5) is exact and we know how to solve exact equations.

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If $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N}$ is a function only of x , then there is an integrating factor $\mu(x)$. Please note that (7) is both linear and separable.

2.5 Exact Equations



If instead we looked for $\mu(y)$, we would obtain the ODE

$$\boxed{\frac{d\mu}{dy} = \left(\frac{N_x - M_y}{M} \right) \mu.} \quad (8)$$

Remark

Since we will be giving face-to-face exams, you are expected to remember (7) and (8).

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Example

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Note that $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N}$ is a function only of x – so it is possible to find an integrating factor $\mu(x)$. Moreover note that $\frac{N_x - M_y}{M}$ is *not* a function only of y – so it is *not* possible to find a $\mu(y)$.

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We calculate that

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$$\ln |\mu| = \ln |x| + C$$

$$\mu = cx$$

and we choose $c = 1$ for simplicity. So $\mu(x) = x$.

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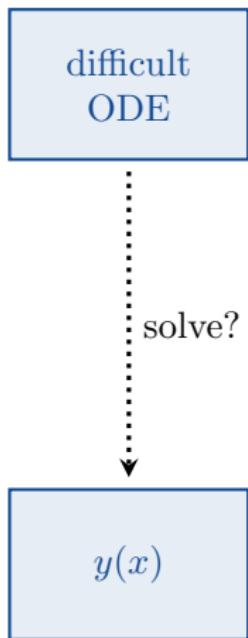
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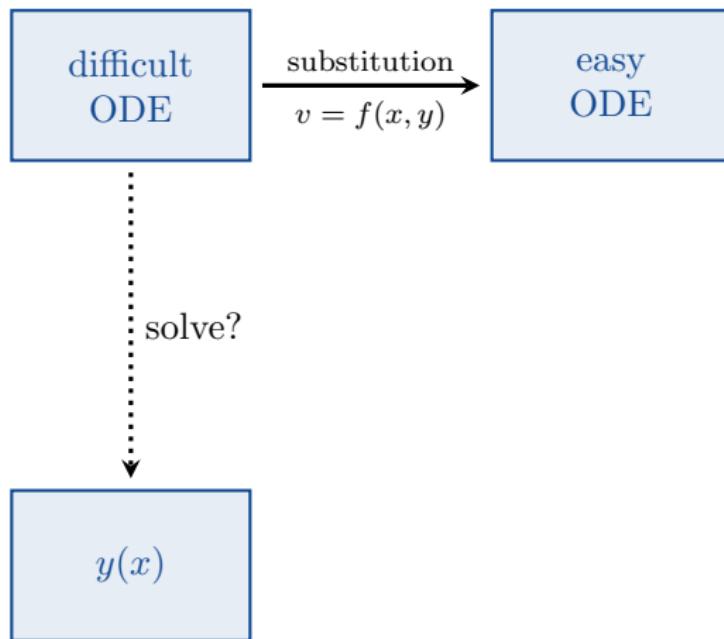
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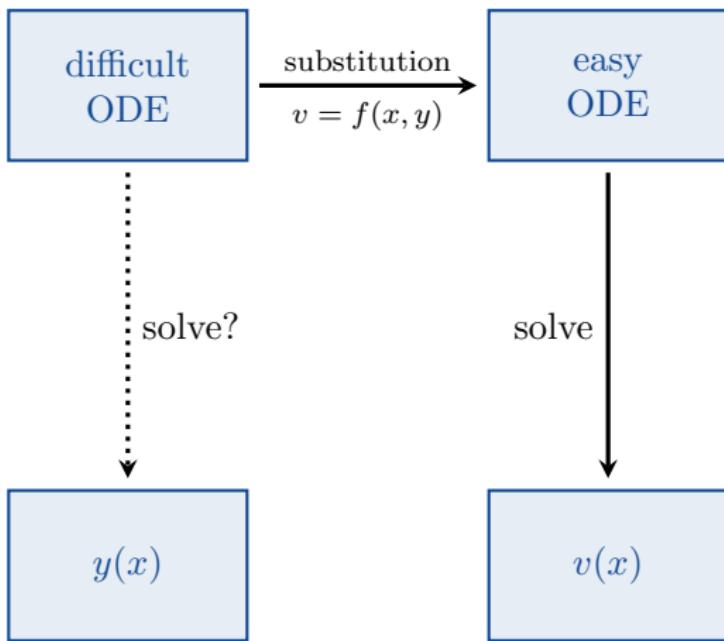
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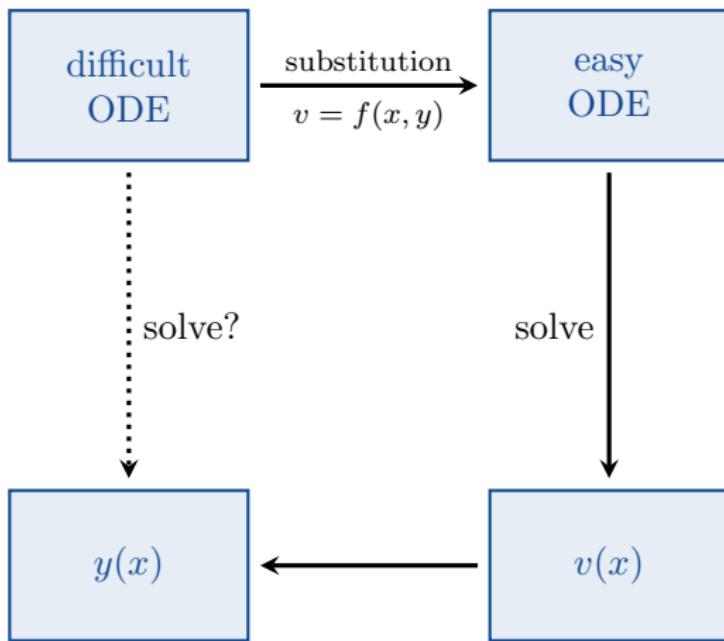
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Remark

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- 1 Substitute $v = \frac{y}{x}$ (and $\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x\frac{dv}{dx}$);
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Substituting $v = \frac{y}{x}$ then gives

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