

Plan for today:

Finish § 1.6

Start § 2.1

Learning Goals:

1. Be able to solve reducible 2nd order equations. Those are among the very few cases of possibly non-linear 2nd order equations we will see in this class. Keep them in mind because they appear on the finals.
2. Be able to set up and solve a differential equation describing the evolution of a population

Reminders-announcements

1. 1 hour left to submit Quiz 1!
2. Homework hint: One of the homework problems asks you to find the value of a variable numerically. This means that you need to use a computer algebra system to find the value of the variable, do not try to solve for it analytically.

### Reducible 2nd. order eq's.

General form:

$$F(y'', y', y, x) = 0 \quad (*)$$

Sometimes simpler form allows us to reduce  $\text{(*)}$  to a 1st order eqn.

1:  $y$  missing

Ex:  $xy'' + y' = 4x \quad (*)$  (note:  $y$  not present)

Set:  $v = y'$

Now  $y'' = v'$

$\text{(*)} \quad x v' + v = 4x$  1st order eqn!  
linear!

(in general may or may not be linear)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xv) = 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow xv = \int 4x dx \Rightarrow xv = 2x^2 + C,$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 2x + \frac{C_1}{x} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

Find  $y$ !

$$y' = 2x + \frac{C_1}{x} \Rightarrow y(x) = x^2 + C_1 \ln|x| + C_2$$

↑  
2 constants,  
as expected for  
2nd order.

Case 2:  $x$  is missing from ODE.

Ex:  $y'' = 2yy'$  ~~( $x$  not appearing)~~

think of  $y$  as the independent variable

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

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} v \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} \frac{dv}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= \frac{dv}{dy} v \end{aligned}$$

\*  $\frac{dv}{dy} v = 2yv \quad (v \neq 0)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dy} = 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow v = y^2 + C_1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 + C_1$$

Chain Rule

$$(f(g(x)))' = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

$$z = f(y)$$

$$y = g(x)$$

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

Find  $y$ : Exercise, take cases for  $C_1 > 0$ ,  $C_1 < 0$ ,  $= 0$

Sol'n at the end.

2.1 Seen: Population growth model assuming constant birth & death rate.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = (\beta - \delta) P = kP$$

births/  
unit time/  
Unit of population

death/...

$$P(t) = C e^{kt} = C e^{(\beta-\delta)t}$$

More generally: birth rate, death rate might depend on  $P, t$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \left( \underbrace{\beta(t, P)}_{\text{birth rate}} - \underbrace{\delta(t, P)}_{\text{death rate}} \right) P$$

Logistic Equation: Based on assumption that birth rate decreases linearly as population increases, death rate const.

$$\beta = \frac{\beta_0}{1 + \frac{\beta_1}{P}}$$

positive const.

Plug in:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} &= \left( (\beta_0 - \beta_1 P) - \delta \right) P \\ &= \underbrace{(\beta_0 - \delta)}_{a} P - \underbrace{\frac{\beta_1}{b} P^2}_{b} \end{aligned}$$

If  $a, b > 0$   called a logistic equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = aP - bP^2 \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{dP}{dt} = kP(M-P) \right]$$

$$M = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$k = b$$

- Props: a) Only dependent variable  $P$  present on RHS of logistic eqn. Such ODEs are called autonomous.  
 b)  $RHS = 0$  when  $P=0, P=M; P(t)\equiv 0, P(t)\equiv M$  are both solutions (equilibrium sols).

Solve! Separable:

$$\int \frac{dP}{P(M-P)} = \int k dt$$

partial  
fractions

$$\int \frac{1}{M} \left( \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{M-P} \right) dP = kt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{M} \ln P - \frac{1}{M} \ln (M-P) = kt + C$$

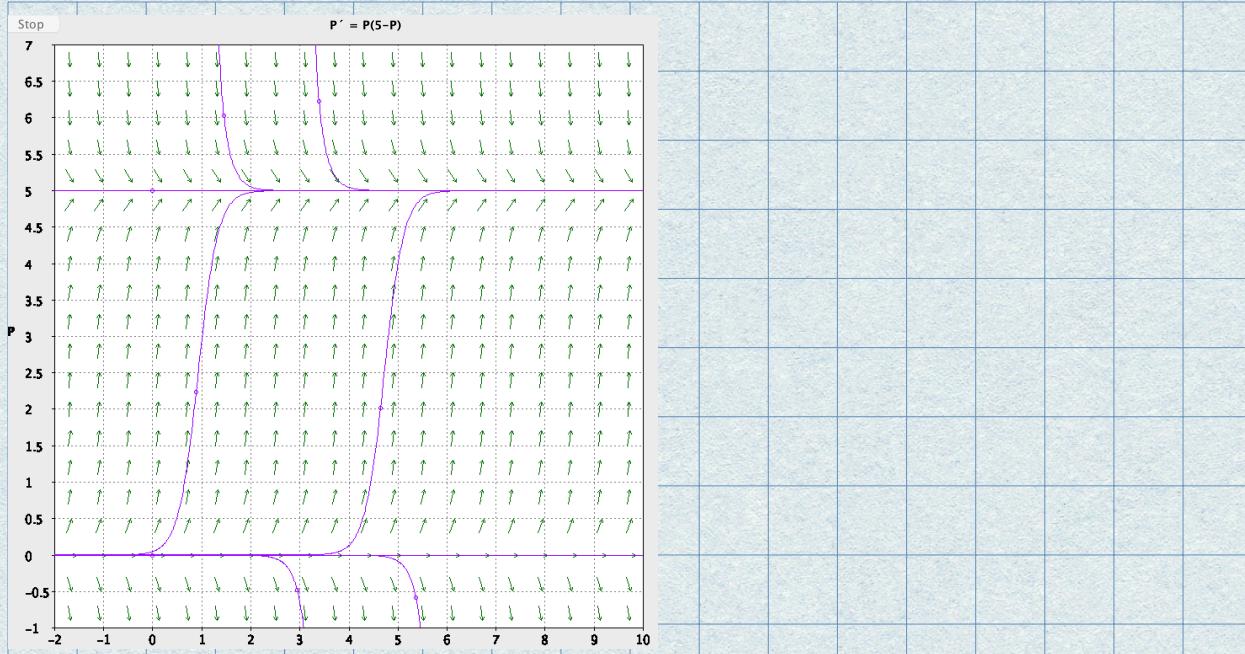
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{M} \ln \left( \frac{P}{M-P} \right) = kt + C$$

Solve for  $P$ :

$$P(t) = \frac{MP_0}{P_0 + (M-P_0)e^{-Mt}}$$

(check)

$P_0 \rightarrow$  population at time  $t=0$



### Solution to 2nd Example.

We were left at  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 + C_1$ .  $\leftarrow$  separable.

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y^2 + C_1} = \int dx$$

Integral on LHS depends on the sign of  $C_1$ !

Case 1:  $C_1 = 0$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int dx \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = x + C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{x + C_2}$$

Case 2:  $C_1 > 0$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2 + C_1} = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c_1} \int \frac{dy}{\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{c_1}}\right)^2 + 1} = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{c_1}} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{c_1}}\right) = x + C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sqrt{c_1} \tan\left(\sqrt{c_1}(x + C_2)\right)$$

Case 3:  $c_1 < 0$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2 - |c_1|} = \int dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{|c_1|}} \left( -\frac{1}{y + \sqrt{|c_1|}} + \frac{1}{y - \sqrt{|c_1|}} \right) dy = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C_2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|c_1|}} \ln \left( \frac{y - \sqrt{|c_1|}}{y + \sqrt{|c_1|}} \right) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C_2$$