

2 ODE (ordinary differential equation)

Theorem 2.1.6

Let $F : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be differentiable. Let $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ and $y_0 \in \mathbf{R}^2$. Then the ODE $y' = F(x, y)$ has a unique solution f defined on a "largest" open interval I containing x_0 such that $f(x_0) = y_0$.

Definition 2.2.1

Let $I \subset \mathbf{R}$ be an open interval and $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$. An homogeneous linear ODE of order k on I is of the form $y^{(k)} + a_{k-1}y^{(k-1)} + \dots + a_1y' + a_0y = 0$ where the coefficients a_0, \dots, a_{k-1} are complex-valued functions on I , and the unknown is a function $I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ that is k -times differentiable on I . An equation of the form $y^{(k)} + a_{k-1}y^{(k-1)} + \dots + a_1y' + a_0y = b$, where $b : I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is another function, is called an inhomogeneous linear ODE.

Proposition 2.3.1

Any solution of $y' + ay = 0$ is of the form $f(x) = z \exp(-A(x))$ where A is a primitive of a . The unique solution with $f(x_0) = y_0$ is $f(x) = y_0 \exp(A(x_0) - A(x))$.