

## 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  $f(x) = y_0 \exp(A(x_0) - A(x))$ .