

Intro. on ODEs

(1) Definitions:

Def: i) 1st order scalar explicit ODE is

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t))$$

where unknown $y: I \rightarrow D \subset \mathbb{R}$ is
func. of time t . $f: I \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

rmk: "explicit" means it's not the
form: $F(t, y(t)) = 0$.

ii) System of 1st-order ODEs is $y'(t)$

$$:= \begin{pmatrix} y_1'(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_m'(t) \end{pmatrix} = \underline{f}(t, y(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(t, y_1(t), \dots, y_m(t)) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(t, y_1(t), \dots, y_m(t)) \end{pmatrix}$$

where $y: I \rightarrow D \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

and $\underline{f}(t): I \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

iii) An ODE is called autonomous if

$$f(t, x) = f(x) \text{ in i).}$$

iv) 1st-order scalar initial value problem

(IVP) is $y'(t) = f(t, y(t))$, $t \in [t_0,$

$T]$, with $y'(t_0) = y_0$.

v) System of n^{th} -order ODE is:

$$y^{(n)}(t) = \underline{f}(t, y(t), y'(t), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(t)).$$

$$y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad \underline{f}: I \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \quad D \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \cdot m}.$$

vi) IVP of n^{th} -order is v) on $[t_0, T]$

with $y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(t_0) = y_{n-1}$.

Remark: since $y(t)$ is a m -dim vector

so the initial value have dim

= $n \cdot m$. And sometimes we also

consider boundary value problem.

Note that most of numerical method

is just designed for 1^{st} -order ODE.

But when it comes to higher order,

We can reduce it to 1^{st} -order:

$$\text{Set } \underline{z}(t) := (\underline{z}_1(t) \dots \overset{T}{\underline{z}_n(t)}) := (y(t) \dots y^{(n-1)}(t))$$

from $[t_1, T]$ to $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{z}'(t) = (\underline{z}_2(t), \dots, \underline{z}_n(t), f(t, \underline{z}_1(t), \dots, \underline{z}_n(t)))^T$$

And it's IVP with initial value:

$$\underline{z}(t_0) = (y^0, y^1, \dots, y^{n-1})^T.$$

(2) Well-posedness:

Thm. (Picard - Lindelöf)

$G \subset \mathbb{R}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^m$ domain. If $\underline{f}(t, \underline{y})$ is Lip

in \underline{y} with const. L in G . Set (t_0, y_0)

$\in G$, $a, b > 0$. $\mathcal{N} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times \{\|\underline{y} - y_0\| \leq b\}$

$\subset G$. $M \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \max_{\mathcal{N}} \|\underline{f}(t, \underline{x})\|$. $\delta = a \wedge \frac{b}{m}$.

Then: IVP $\underline{y}'(t) = \underline{f}(t, \underline{y}(t))$, $\underline{y}(t_0) = y_0$

has unique solution on $[t_0, t_0 + \delta]$.

e.g., $y'(t) = \sqrt{1 - y(t)}$ $y(t_0) = y_0$, $t \in [0, 1]$.

For $(t_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$. We can apply

Thm above on its rhd $\Rightarrow y(t) = \sin t$

But for $(t_0, y_0) = (0, -1)$. We note

$-x/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ isn't Lip around $x=-1$. So

Thm above can't apply. Also it has at least two sol's $y(t) = -\cos(t)$ or $y(t) \equiv -1$.

Rmk: $y(t)$ should satisfy $y'(t) \geq 0$.

Thm. (stability)

$\underline{f}(t, \underline{x}), \underline{g}(t, \underline{x})$ are conti. on $I \times D$.

If $\underline{f}(t, \underline{x})$ is Lip in \underline{x} on D with

const. L . Then, for IVPs:

$$\underline{u}'(t) = \underline{f}(t, \underline{u}(t)), \quad \underline{u}(t_0) = \underline{u}_0, \quad t \in I.$$

$$\underline{v}'(t) = \underline{g}(t, \underline{v}(t)), \quad \underline{v}(t_0) = \underline{v}_0, \quad t \in I.$$

there holds for any pair of sol's

$$\text{above: } \|\underline{u}(t) - \underline{v}(t)\| \leq e^{L(t-t_0)} [\|\underline{u}_0 - \underline{v}_0\|$$

$$+ \int_{t_0}^t \Sigma(s) ds], \text{ where } \Sigma(s) \triangleq \sup_{x \in D} \|\underline{f} - \underline{g}\|.$$

Rmk: Let $\underline{g} = \underline{f}$. We can also obtain

the well-posedness result above.

Pf: Set $\underline{z}(t) = \underline{u}(t) - \underline{v}(t)$

$$= \int_{t_0}^t (\underline{f}(s, \underline{u}(s)) - \underline{f}(s, \underline{v}(s))) ds + \underline{u}_0 - \underline{v}_0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1: \| \underline{u}(t) \| &\leq \int_{t_0}^t \| \underline{f}(s, \underline{u}(s)) - \underline{f}(s, \underline{v}(s)) \| \\
&+ \int_{t_0}^t \| \underline{f}(s, \underline{v}(s)) - \underline{g}(s, \underline{v}(s)) \| ds + \| \underline{u}_0 - \underline{v}_0 \| \\
&\leq \int_{t_0}^t L \| \underline{u}(s) \| + \int_{t_0}^t L(s) ds + \| \underline{u}_0 - \underline{v}_0 \|.
\end{aligned}$$

Apply Gronwall's inequal. on it.

Remark: We only require one of f, g
to be Lip-contin.