

Practice for Using the EU-Thm

Why?

Exercise 1 Is it possible to solve the equation $y' = \frac{xy}{\cos x}$ for $y(0) = 1$? Justify.

Exercise 2 Is it possible to solve the equation $y' = y\sqrt{|x|}$ for $y(0) = 0$? Is the solution unique? Justify.

Exercise 3 Consider the differential equation $y' + \frac{1}{t-2}y = \frac{1}{t+3}$.

- a) Is this equation linear or non-linear?
- b) What is the maximum guaranteed interval of existence for the solution to this equation with initial condition $y(0) = 3$?
- c) What if we start with the initial condition $y(4) = 0$?

Exercise 4 Consider the differential equation $y' + \frac{1}{t+2}y = \frac{\ln(|t|)}{t-4}$.

- a) Is this equation linear or non-linear?
- b) What is the maximum guaranteed interval of existence for the solution to this equation with initial condition $y(-3) = 1$?
- c) What if we start with the initial condition $y(2) = 5$?
- d) What happens if we want to start with $y(4) = 3$?

Exercise 5 Consider the differential equation $(t+3)y' + t^2y = \frac{1}{t-2}$.

- a) Is this equation linear or non-linear?
- b) What is the maximum guaranteed interval of existence for the solution to this equation with initial condition $y(-2) = 1$?
- c) What if we start with the initial condition $y(-4) = 5$?
- d) What happens if we want to start with $y(4) = 2$?

Exercise 6 Consider the differential equation $y' = y^2$.

Learning outcomes:

- a) Is this equation linear or non-linear?
- b) What is the most we can say about the interval of existence for the solution to this equation with initial condition $y(0) = 1$?
- c) Find the solution to this differential equation with $y(0) = 1$. Over what values of x does this solution exist?
- d) Find the solution to this differential equation with $y(0) = 4$. Over what values of x does this solution exist?
- e) Find the solution to this differential equation with $y(0) = -2$. Over what values of x does this solution exist?
- f) Do any of these contradict your answer in (b)?

Exercise 7 Consider the differential equation $y' = y^2 + 4$.

- a) Is this equation linear or non-linear?
- b) What is the most we can say about the interval of existence for the solution to this equation with initial condition $y(0) = 0$?
- c) Find the solution to this differential equation with $y(0) = 0$. Over what values of x does this solution exist?

Exercise 8 Consider the differential equation $y' = x(y + 1)^2$.

- a) Is this equation linear or non-linear?
- b) If we set $f(x, y) = x(y + 1)^2$, for what values of x and y are f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ continuous?
- c) What is the most we can say about the interval of existence for the solution to this equation with initial condition $y(0) = 1$?
- d) Find the solution to this differential equation with $y(0) = 1$. Over what values of x does this solution exist?

Exercise 9 Take $(y - x)y' = 0$, $y(0) = 0$.

- a) Find two distinct solutions.
- b) Explain why this does not violate Picard's theorem.

Exercise 10 Find a solution to $y' = |y|$, $y(0) = 0$. Does Picard's theorem apply?

Exercise 11 Consider the IVP $y' \cos t + y \sin t = 1$; $y(\pi/6) = 1$.

- a) The Existence and Uniqueness Theorem guarantees a unique solution to this IVP on what interval?
- b) Find this solution explicitly.

Exercise 12 Take an equation $y' = (y - 2x)g(x, y) + 2$ for some function $g(x, y)$. Can you solve the problem for the initial condition $y(0) = 0$, and if so what is the solution?

Exercise 13 Consider the differential equation $y' = e^x(2 - y)$.

- Verify that $y = 2$ is a solution to this differential equation.
- Assume that we look for the solution with $y(0) = 0$. Is it possible that $y(x) = 3$ for some later time x ? Why or why not?
- Based on this, what do we know about the solution with $y(0) = 5$?

Exercise 14 Suppose $y' = f(x, y)$ is such that $f(x, 1) = 0$ for every x , f is continuous and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ exists and is continuous for every x and y .

- Guess a solution given the initial condition $y(0) = 1$.
- Can graphs of two solutions of the equation for different initial conditions ever intersect?
- Given $y(0) = 0$, what can you say about the solution. In particular, can $y(x) > 1$ for any x ? Can $y(x) = 1$ for any x ? Why or why not?

Exercise 15 Consider the differential equation $y' = y^2 - 4$.

- Verify that $y = 2$ and $y = -2$ are both solutions to this differential equation.
- Verify that the hypotheses of Picard's theorem are satisfied for this equation.
- Assume that we solve this differential equation with $y(0) = 1$. Is it possible for the solution to reach $y = 3$ at any point? Why or why not?
- Assume that we solve this differential equation with $y(0) = -1$. Is it possible for the solution to reach $y = -4$ at any point? Why or why not?

Exercise 16 Is it possible to solve $y' = xy$ for $y(0) = 0$? Is the solution unique?

Exercise 17 Is it possible to solve $y' = \frac{x}{x^2 - 1}$ for $y(1) = 0$?

Exercise 18 Suppose

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y > 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } y \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Does $y' = f(y)$, $y(0) = 0$ have a continuously differentiable solution? Does Picard apply? Why, or why not?

Exercise 19 Consider an equation of the form $y' = f(x)$ for some continuous function f , and an initial condition $y(x_0) = y_0$. Does a solution exist for all x ? Why or why not?