

Lecture 27: Intro to Differential Equations and IVPs

Goal: Be able to solve (very basic) Initial Value Problems through integration.

For $y=f(x)$, a differential equation (diff.eq) is an equation involving x, y , and the derivatives of y .

E.g.,

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -9.81 \text{ [Gravity]}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \text{ [Exponential Growth]}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = \cos x \text{ [Damped Motion Harmonic]}$$

Ex1/ Verify that $y = 3e^{2x}$ is a sol. to $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(3e^{2x}) = 2 \cdot 3e^{2x} = 6e^{2x}$$

$$2(3e^{2x}) = 6e^{2x}$$

Ex2/ Solve the diff. eq. $y' = \frac{1}{x}$

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$$\int y' dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

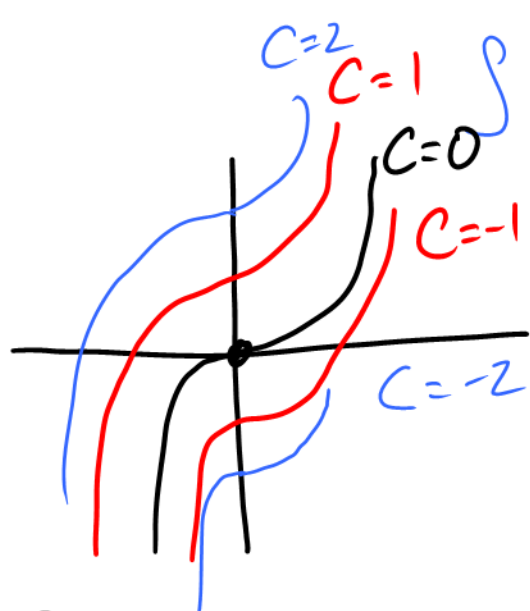
$$y = \ln|x| + C$$

General Sol.
to
 $y' = \frac{1}{x}$

A function describing all possible solutions is called the general solution to the diff. eq.

Ex3 Find the general solution to

$$y' = 3x^2$$



$$\int y' dx = \int 3x^2 dx$$

$$y = 3 \int x^2 dx$$

$$y = 3 \cdot \frac{x^{2+1}}{2+1} + C$$

$$y = x^3 + C$$

Q: Is there a way to get unique (only 1) sol?

A: Say y also needs through a point (e.g., $y(0) = 0$). To specify an initial condition.

★ Usually we specify when $x=0$, but that's not required.

IVPs

An initial value problem (IVP) is a diff eq. combined with initial conditions

Ex5/ The system

$$\begin{cases} y' = \sqrt{x} \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

is an IVP. How can we solve this?

① Find the general solution

$$y' = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\int y' dx = \int \sqrt{x} dx$$

$$y = \int x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$y = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}+1}}{\frac{1}{2}+1} + C$$

$$y = \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} + C \Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$$

(2) Plug in IC, solve for C

$$\boxed{y(0) = 1}$$

$$1 = \frac{2}{3} (0)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$$

$$\boxed{1 = C}$$

The solution to the IVP is $y = \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1$

Def y is proportional to x if there is a constant k such that $y = kx$

Ex/ The size of the population is governed by $\frac{dP}{dt} = \sqrt[3]{t}$ $P(t) = \text{Population Size after } t \text{ days}$

(i.e. $\frac{dP}{dt}$ is proportional to $\sqrt[3]{t}$ where $k=1$). If the initial population is 1000, find the pop. size after 8 days

I.e., we need to solve IVP

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dP}{dt} = \sqrt[3]{t} \\ P(0) = 1000 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \sqrt[3]{t} \quad t^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\int \frac{dP}{dt} dt = \int \sqrt[3]{t} dt$$

$$P(t) = \frac{t^{\frac{1}{3}+1}}{\frac{1}{3}+1} + C$$

$$P(t) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot t^{\frac{4}{3}} + C$$

② Plug in IC

$$1000 = P(0) = \frac{3}{4} (0)^{\frac{4}{3}} + C$$

$$C = 1000$$

$$\text{Sol: } P(t) = \frac{3}{4} t^{\frac{4}{3}} + 1000$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(8) &= \frac{3}{4} \cdot 8^{\frac{4}{3}} + 1000 = \frac{3}{4} (\sqrt[3]{8})^4 + 1000 \\ &= 12 + 1000 = 1012 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: The population is 1012 after 8 days

Multiple ICs

Fact: To have a unique sol., we need N ICs
where N is the highest order of derivatives in the diff eq

Ex 7 Solve the IVP

$$\begin{cases} y''(t) = t-3 \\ y'(1) = \frac{1}{2} \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$



$$y''(t) = t-3$$

$$\int y''(t) dt = \int (t-3) dt$$

$$y'(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 3t + C$$

$$y'(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = y'(1) = \frac{1}{2}(1)^2 - 3(1) + C$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - 3 + C$$

$$0 = -3 + C$$

$$C = 3$$

Thus,

$$y'(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 3t + 3$$

$$\int (y'(t)) dt = \int \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 - 3t + 3 \right) dt$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{t^{2+1}}{2+1} - 3 \cdot \frac{t^{1+1}}{1+1} + 3t + D$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{6}t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 + 3t + D$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$1 = y(0) = 0 + D \Rightarrow D = 1$$

Conclusion: $y(t) = \frac{1}{6}t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 + 3t + 1$

NOTE: You can always Check your solution by differentiating

$$y'(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 3t + 3$$

$$y'(1) = \frac{1}{2} - 3 + 3 = \frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

$$y''(t) = t - 3 \checkmark$$

$$y(0) = 1 \checkmark$$

Ex 8 A ball is kicked from the ground with an initial velocity of $20 \frac{m}{s}$. Describe the ball's vertical height as a fun of time (assume gravity is the only force acting on the ball)

Let's solve the system

$$\begin{array}{l} s'' \rightarrow a(t) = -9.81 \\ s' \rightarrow v(0) = 20 \\ s(0) = 0 \end{array}$$

accel $\xrightarrow{\int}$ velocity $\xrightarrow{\int}$ pos.

$$a(t) = -9.81$$

$$\int a(t) dt = \int (-9.81) dt \leftarrow (-9.81) \int 1 dt$$

$$v(0) = 20$$

$$v(t) = -9.81t + C$$

$$20 = v(0) = -9.81(0) + C$$

$$C = 20$$

I.e.,

$$v(t) = -9.81t + 20$$

$$\int v(t) dt = \int (-9.81t + 20) dt$$

$$s(t) = (-9.81) \cdot \frac{1}{2}t^2 + 20t + D$$

$$s(t) = -4.905t^2 + 20t + D$$

$$s(0) = 0$$

$$0 = s(0) = 0 + D$$

$$D = 0$$

I.e.,

$$s(t) = -4.905t^2 + 20t$$

Ex 9 (HW 27, Q4) Solve the IVP

$$\begin{cases} y' = 3\cos x + 5 \\ y\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 4 \end{cases}$$

Sol

$$y' = 3\cos x + 5$$

$$\int y' dx = \int (3\cos x + 5) dx$$

$$y = 3\sin x + 5x + C$$

$$\underline{y\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)=4}$$



$$4 = y\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 3 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + 5\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + C$$

$$4 = 3(-1) + \frac{15\pi}{2} + C$$

$$4 = -3 + \frac{15\pi}{2} + C$$

$$\boxed{7 - \frac{15\pi}{2} = C}$$