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Abstract

Some people think that stiff challenges are the best device to induce learning, but I am not one of them. The natural way to learn something is by spending vast amounts of easy, enjoyable time at it. This goes whether you want to speak German, sight-read at the piano, type, or do mathematics. Give me the German storybook for fifth graders that I feel like reading in bed, not Goethe and a dictionary. The latter will bring rapid progress at first, then exhaustion and failure to resolve.

L. N. Trefethen. Trefethen's index cards - Forty years of notes about People, Words and Mathematics. World Scientific, 2011, S. 86

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1 Introduction

Previously: We had equations like $y^2 + 4y + 1 = 0$, where the solution is a number.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dt = \text{number} = F(b) - F(a)$$

New: $f'(x)$ is given, determine $f(x)$. The solution is a function.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Velocity}(t) = \text{Position}'(t) & \text{given} \\ = \text{Position}(t) & \text{wanted} \end{array}$$

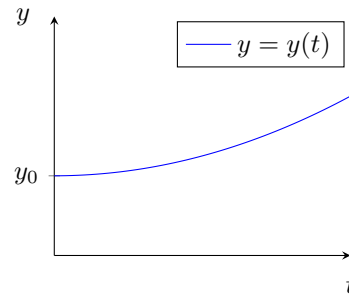
1.1 Differential Equations

Example: Interest rate

$y(t)$: assets at time t .

$\lambda < 0$: constant interest rate.

$$\text{IVP} \begin{cases} y'(t) &= \lambda \cdot y(t), \\ y(0) &= y_0. \end{cases}$$



Example: Radioactive Decay

$y(t)$: mass of a substance at time t .

$\lambda < 0$: decay rate.

$$y'(t) = \lambda \cdot y(t).$$

1.2 Problem Solving Steps in Science & Technology

"Reality" \longrightarrow Model = "Mathematisation"

- Laws of nature (Physics, Chemistry).
- Assumptions, hypotheses \rightarrow differential equations.
- Analytical or symbolic solution (exact solution). **not practical**
- Numerical solution. **in practise**

Change of state = Function (State).

Ordinary Diff. Eqn. (ODE: one scalar variable (e.g. time) **this semester**

$$y'(t) = \lambda y(t).$$

Partial Diff. Eqn. (PDE): multiple variables (e.g. time and space) [next semester \(MA9804\)](#)

$$u = u(t, x) \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3).$$

$$\frac{\delta u}{\delta t} = k \cdot \left(\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x_1^2} \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x_2^2} \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x_3^2} \right).$$

Heat equation. u : temperature

Oftentimes: Solution depends on (design) parameters. $y = y(t; \rho)$, $u = u(t, x, \rho)$

- Parameter identification [Inverse Problem](#)
- Design optimisation
- Random / Stochastic parameters [Uncertainty quantification](#)

1.3 Application: Solid Mechanics

Newton's Laws of motion: $\frac{dp}{dt} = F$

Change of momentum = force action.

- Calculate orbits of satellites; today: GPS
- Vibrations in automobiles; reliability of structures. (earthquakes; spring-mass-system)

1.4 Application: Electric Circuits

Ohm's Law: $U = R \cdot I$ (voltage = resistance * current)

Kirchhoff's Circuit Laws: \rightarrow System of ODEs

Law of Induction: $U = n \cdot I'$ (Coil); $I = C \cdot U'$ (Capacitor). Here the $'$ is the time derivative.

1.5 Application: Chemical relations

Chemical reaction: $A + B \xrightarrow{k} C$.

Here $c_A(t), c_B(t), c_C(t)$ are the Concentrations of the substance A, B, C in $\frac{\text{Mol}}{\text{l}}$.

Law of mass action: Change of concentration is proportional to the concentration of the resulting substances:

$$c'_C = k \cdot c_A \cdot c_B$$

$$c'_A = -k \cdot c_A \cdot c_B$$

$$c'_B = -k \cdot c_A \cdot c_B$$

1.6 Classification of ODEs

$$y(x).$$

x : independent variable **scalar** y : dependent variable

Ordinary DE:

- System of ODEs: $y(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n, n > 1$.
- Single ODE: $y(x) \in \mathbb{R}, n = 1$.

Implicit DE of order m :

$$F(x, y(x), y'(x), \dots, y^{(m)}(x)) = 0.$$

Explicit DE of order m :

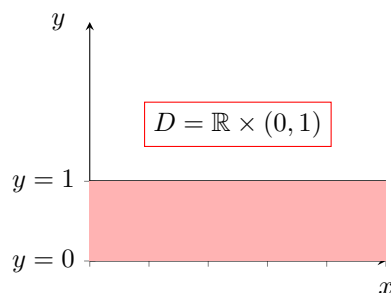
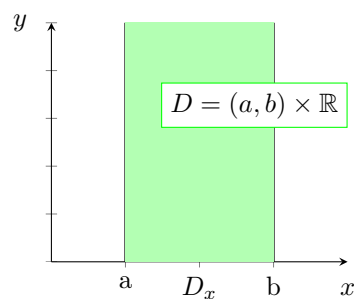
$$y^{(m)}(x) = f(x, y(x), y'(x), \dots, y^{(m-1)}(x)).$$

2 First-order ODEs

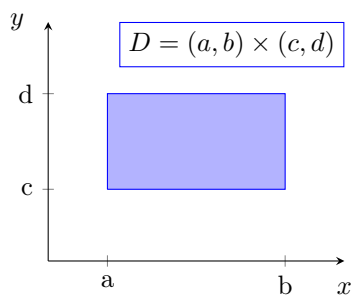
For now we have $m = 1, n = 1$. Consider $y'(x) = f(x, y(x))$. The **explicit form** of the ODE is noted like $y' = f(x, y)$ explicit form of ODE. The function f is defined on $D = D_x \times D_y \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

2.1 Examples

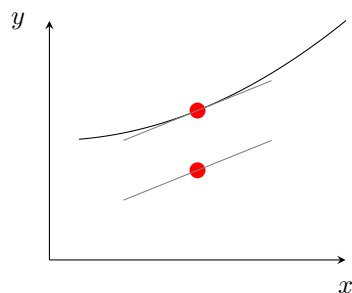
"Strip":



"Rectangle":



2.2 Geometric Interpretation: Direction Field

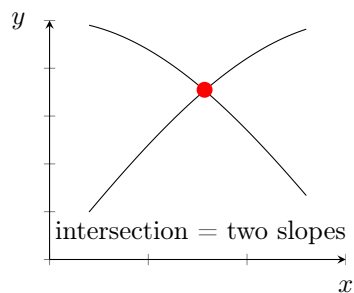
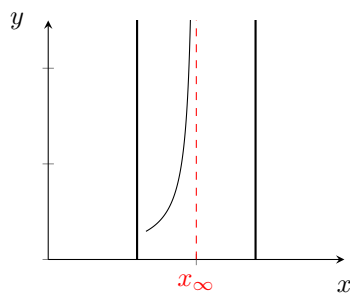


$$y' = f(x, y).$$

$f(x, y)$: Slope of tangent line of $y(x)$ in point (x, y) . Using software like *dfield* we can visualize $f(x, y)$ as an vector field.

2.3 Observations

1. Through each point $(x_0, y_0) \in D$ there passes **exactly one** solution curve.
2. Each solution curve is **maximal**, meaning that the curve continues until the boundary of D (this includes a blow up to $+\infty$).
3. Solution curves **don't intersect**!



2.4 Existence and Uniqueness of a Solution

IVP (initial value problem): $y' = f(x, y)$, $y(x_0) = y_0$, domain D

2.4.1 Theorem: Peano

Assume that f is continuous on D and $(x_0, y_0) \in D$. Then the IVP has at least one solution. This solution is minimal, meaning that we can continue the solution for $x < x_0$ and $x > x_0$ until the boundary of D .

2.4.2 Theorem: Picard-Lindelöf

Let f be continuous on D and let f be continuously differentiable with respect to y , that is, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous. Let $(x_0, y_0) \in D$. Then the IVP has a unique solution.

Example:

implicit form of ODE

explicit form

$$(x^2 - x)y' = (2x - 1)y, \quad y(x_0) = y_0. \quad y' = \frac{2x - 1}{x^2 - x}y \quad f(x, y) = \frac{2x - 1}{x^2 - x}y.$$

Three cases:

1. $x_0 \notin \{0; 1\}$: Unique solution (due to Picard-Lindelöf Thm.).
2. $x_0 \in \{0; 1\}$ and $y_0 = 0$: Infinitely many solution
 $y(x) = cx(x - 1)$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$ [Check it!](#)
3. $x_0 \in \{0; 1\}$ and $y_0 \neq 0$: No solution.

2.5 Examples and Recap

$$\text{IVP} \begin{cases} y' &= \lambda y, \\ y(x_0) &= y_0. \end{cases}$$

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant.

a) Domain of Definition D Here: $f(x, y) = \lambda y$ with x being the independent and y the dependent variable.

$$D = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Meaning: f is well defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$

- a) Direction field, software dfield, geometric interpretation.
- b) Existence and uniqueness of the solution of the DE (differential equation).

d) $y(x) = c \cdot e^{\lambda x}$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$ is the general solution of the DE. Check:

$$y' = c \cdot \lambda \cdot e^{\lambda x} = \lambda c e^{\lambda x} = \lambda y(x).$$

Parameter c is determined by the initial condition

$$y(x_0) = c e^{\lambda x_0} \stackrel{!}{=} y_0 \rightarrow c = y_0 e^{-\lambda x_0}.$$

Remark on "general solution": What does it mean? Suppose the DE $y' = \lambda y$ has another solution \tilde{y} . Then it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\tilde{y}}{e^{\lambda x}} \right)' &= \frac{\tilde{y}' e^{\lambda x} - \tilde{y} \lambda e^{\lambda x}}{(e^{\lambda x})^2} \\ &= \frac{e^{\lambda x} (\tilde{y}' - \lambda \tilde{y})}{e^{2\lambda x}} \\ &= e^{-\lambda x} (\tilde{y}' - \lambda \tilde{y}) = e^{-\lambda x} \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{y}' - \lambda \tilde{y} = 0$ since \tilde{y} solves DE $\tilde{y}' = \lambda \tilde{y}$ by assumption.

Hence $\frac{\tilde{y}}{e^{\lambda x}} = \text{constant}$ and $\tilde{y} = \text{constant} \cdot e^{\lambda x}$.

Hence all solutions of $y' = \lambda y$ have the form $y = c e^{\lambda x}$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Today's topic: Analytical techniques for the solution of first-order differential equations. **Be careful:** Techniques do not work for all DEs; require assumptions!

2.6 Separation of Variables

$$y'(x) = f(x) \cdot g(y).$$

1. Particular solution: The zeros of g are stationary (constant) solutions.

Example: $g(y^*) = 0 \rightarrow \tilde{y} \equiv y^*$ solves the DE.

Check: $0 = (y^*)' = \tilde{y}' = f(x) \cdot g(y^*) \quad g(y^*) = 0$

2. If f is continuous and g, g' are continuous, we conclude with (2.4) that the DE has a unique solution (Picard-Lindelöf Theorem).
3. Assume $g(y) \neq 0$:

- (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y)$
- (b) $\frac{dy}{g(y)} = f(x)dx$ Separation of variables
- (c) $\int \frac{dy}{g(y)} = \int f(x)dx + c$ **Parameter**
- (d) Calculate the antiderivatives.
- (e) If possible, rearrange (d). and isolate y .

2.7 Example, Separation of Variables

$$y' = -x^2 y \quad (\text{see previous lecture}).$$

- $f(x) = -x^2$

- $g(y) = y$

1. Stationary solution: $y \equiv 0$

2.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -x^2 y$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = -x^2 dx$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = - \int x^2 dx + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\ln |y| = -\frac{1}{3}x^3 + c$$

$$|y| = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{3}x^3 + c\right) = e^c \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{3}x^3} \quad e^c > 0$$

$$y = \pm e^c \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{3}x^3} \quad \text{plus} \quad y \equiv 0$$

Summary: $y(x) = \tilde{c} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{3}x^3}, \quad \tilde{c} \in \mathbb{R}$

general solution of DE

From now on "antilogarithm":

$$\ln |y| = (\dots) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y = \tilde{c} \cdot e^{(\dots)}, \quad \tilde{c} \in \mathbb{R}$$

2.8 Application: Water Container

Given:: Cross-section area of cylindrical container A and cross-section area of (circular) outlet B .

Toricelli's Law:

$$v_{out} = \sqrt{2gh}.$$

Wanted: $h = h(t)$ water level in container.

Question: At which time is the container empty? For which t^* does it hold $h(t^*) = 0$?

consider the change of volume ΔV of water in container.

$$\Delta V_{cont} = A \cdot \Delta h$$

$$\Delta V_{out} = \gamma \cdot B \cdot v_{out} \cdot \Delta t$$

γ : Borda factor $\gamma = 0.62$ for circular outlet.

Conservation of Mass:

$$\Delta V_{cont} + \Delta V_{out} = 0 \quad \Delta V_{cont} = -\Delta V_{out}$$

$$A \cdot \Delta h = -\gamma \cdot B \cdot \sqrt{2gh} \Delta t$$

$$A \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta t} = -\gamma B \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$\Delta t \rightarrow 0$$

$$A \cdot h' = -\gamma B \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$\text{IVP for } h(t) \begin{cases} h'(t) = -\gamma B \sqrt{2gh(t)} \\ h(0) = h_0. \end{cases}$$

Solve my separation of variables!

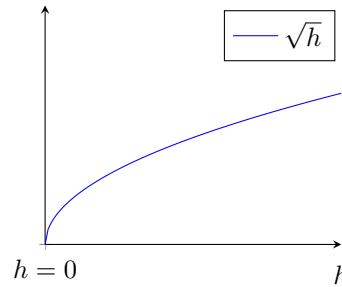
$$1. \quad \tilde{g}(h) = \sqrt{h}$$

$$\tilde{f}(t) = -\gamma \frac{B}{A} \sqrt{2g}$$

$$h'(t) = \tilde{f}(t) \cdot \tilde{g}(h)$$

Stationary solution: $h \equiv 0$ is zero of $\tilde{g}(h) = \sqrt{h}$.

2. Domain of definition: $D = \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty)$ (time $t \times$ water level h)



$h \geq 0$ existence (Peano)
 $h > 0$ existence and uniqueness.
(Picard-Lindelöf)

3. Separation of variables.

$$\text{let } \mu := \gamma \frac{B}{A} \sqrt{2g}, \quad h > 0$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\mu \sqrt{h}$$

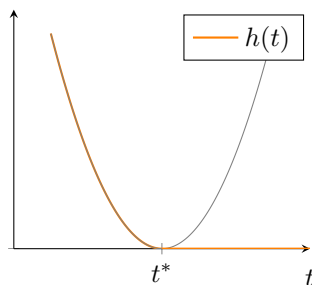
$$\int \frac{dh}{\sqrt{h}} = -\mu \cdot \int 1 \cdot dt + c$$

$$2\sqrt{h} = -\mu \cdot t + c$$

Initial condition: $h(0) = h_0 > 0 \rightarrow c = \sqrt{h_0} = -\mu \cdot 0 + c$

$2\sqrt{h} = -\mu \cdot t + 2\sqrt{h_0}$ Rearrange, isolate h

$h(t) = \frac{1}{4}(2\sqrt{h_0} - \mu t)^2$ as long as $h > 0$!



Complete Solution:

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(2\sqrt{h_0} - \mu t)^2 & t \leq t^*, \\ 0 & t > t^*. \end{cases}$$

When is $h(t^*) = 0$

$$2\sqrt{h_0} = \mu t^*$$

$$t^* = \frac{2\sqrt{h_0}}{\mu}.$$

2.9 Linear DE of first Order

Standard form: $y'(x) = +p(x)y(x) = r(x)$ p, r can be nonlinear functions in x

DE is linear in y, y' , not allowed are terms like $(y')^2, \sin(y), y \cdot y'$ etc.

$p = p(x), r = r(x)$ continuous \rightarrow existence and uniqueness solution

Recall: $y' = f(x, y)$

Here:

$$y' = r(x) - p(x) \cdot y(x) =: f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\delta f}{\delta y} = -p(x)$$

Concepts:

$$y'(x) + p(x)y(x) = 0 \quad \text{homogeneous linear DE}$$

$$y'(x) + p(x)y(x) = r(x) \quad \text{inhomogeneous linear DE } r(x) \neq 0$$

Remarks:

$Ax = b$ linear system of equations

$Ax = 0$ homogeneous linear system of equations

$b \neq 0$ inhomogeneous linear system of equations.

2.10 General Solution of the homogeneous DE

$$y'(x) + p(x)y(x) = 0 \quad y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -p(x)y(x)$$

Variables of $p(x)$ and $y(x)$ are separate.

1. Stationary solution: $y \equiv 0$
2. $y \neq 0$, separation of variables.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -p(x)y(x) \\ \int \frac{dy}{y} &= - \int_{x_0}^x p(z)dz + c \\ \ln|y| &= - \int_{x_0}^x p(z)dz + c = P(x) - P(x_0) + c \\ &= -P(x) + \tilde{c}\end{aligned}$$

Let $P(\cdot)$ denote the antiderivative of $p(\cdot)$, that is, $P'(z) = p(z)$.

"antilogarithm":

$$y(x) = \hat{c} \cdot e^{-P(x)}, \quad \hat{c} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Reminder: $\int_{x_0}^x p(z)dz =: F(x)$

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = p(x) \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} - p(x) \frac{dx_0}{dx} + 0 = p(x).$$

by the Leibniz rule for parametric integrals.

2.11 General Solution for inhomogeneous DE

Let y_1, y_2 denote solutions of the inhomogeneous DE:

$$\begin{aligned}y_1'(x) + p(x)y_1(x) &= r(x) \\ y_2'(x) + p(x)y_2(x) &= r(x)\end{aligned}$$

subtract:

$$(y_1 - y_2)' + p(x)(y_1 - y_2) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}y_D &:= y_1 - y_2 \rightarrow y_1 = y_2 + y_D \\ y_D'(x) + p(x)y_D(x) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Using (2.10):

$$\begin{aligned}y_D(x) &= c * e^{-P(x)}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \\ y_1(x) &= y_2(x) + ce^{-P(x)}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

general solution of in-homogeneous DE = particular solution of inhomogeneous DE + **general solution** of homogeneous DE.

2.12 Variation of Constants

Ansatz to obtain a particular solution of the inhomogeneous DE

$$y_P = c(x)e^{-P(x)} \quad c = c(x).$$

Insert ansatz in the inhomogeneous DE (product rule!)

$$\begin{aligned} y_P'(x) + p(x)y_P(x) &= r(x) \\ c'(x)e^{-P(x)} - p(x)e^{-P(x)}c(x) + p(x)c(x)e^{-P(x)} &= r(x) \\ c'(x)e^{-P(x)} &= r(x) \\ c'(x) &= e^{P(x)}r(x) \end{aligned}.$$

$$c(x) = \int_{x_0}^x e^{P(z)}r(z)dz + \tilde{c}.$$

Summary: $y_P(x) = c(x)e^{-P(x)}$

2.13 Electrical Circuit

$$L \cdot I'(t) + R \cdot I(t) = U \in (\omega t) \quad (1)$$

Current $I = I(t)$, dependent on variable.

ω, L, R, U : Constants, independent of t
 t : independent variable

Check linearity of (1):

a) General solution of homogeneous equation:

$$L \cdot I'(t) + R(I) = 0.$$

Sep. of var.: $I(t) = \tilde{c}e^{-R \cdot \frac{t}{L}}, \quad \tilde{c} \in \mathbb{R}$

b) Particular solution if inhomogeneous equation (1).

Ansatz (variation of constants):

$y_p(t) = c(t)e^{-R \cdot \frac{t}{L}}$ Insert in inhomogeneous equation

$$Ly_p'(t) + Ry_p(t) = U \sin(\omega t)$$

$$Lc'(t)e^{-R \cdot \frac{t}{L}} + Lc(t)\left(-\frac{R}{L}\right)e^{-R \cdot \frac{t}{L}} + Rc(t)e^{-R \cdot \frac{t}{L}} = U \sin(\omega t)$$

$$c'(t) = \underbrace{\frac{U}{L} \sin(\omega t e^{R \cdot \frac{t}{L}})}_{\text{Integrate with respect to } t}.$$

Integrate with respect to t .

Integration by parts 2x

$$c(t) = Ue^{R \cdot \frac{t}{L}} \cdot \frac{R \sin(\omega t) - \omega \cos(\omega t)}{R^2 + \omega^2 L^2}.$$

2.14 Bernoulli DE (nonlinear DE)

$$y' + p(x)y = r(x)y^\alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad (2)$$

$\alpha \in \{0; 1\}$ 1st order linear DE
 $\alpha \notin \{0; 1\}$ Ansatz: $u(x) = y(x)^{1-\alpha}$
 $r(x) \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u'(x) &= (1-\alpha)y(x)^{-\alpha} \cdot y'(x) \\
 &= (1-\alpha)y(x)^{-\alpha} \cdot \underbrace{(-p(x)y(x) + r(x)y^\alpha)}_{y' \text{ according to DE (2)}} \\
 &= (1-\alpha)(-p(x)u(x) + r(x)) \\
 \Rightarrow u'(x) + (1-\alpha)p(x)u(x) &= (1-\alpha)r(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

2.15 Application: Population Dynamics

$y(t)$: population density, $y \geq 0$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{logistic DE} & \begin{cases} y' &= ay(1 - \frac{y}{y_\infty}), \\ y(0) &= y. \end{cases} \\
 \text{Verhust, 1838} &
 \end{array}$$

a, y_∞ : model parameters; constant in time
 $a > 0$: population growth rate $y > y_\infty \Rightarrow y' < 0$
 $y_\infty > 0$: carrying capacity, limit population

Observation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= ay - \frac{a}{y_\infty} \cdot y^2 \\
 y' + p(x)y &= r(x)y^\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

nonlinear DE \rightarrow Bernoulli DE, $\alpha = 2$
 $p(x) = -a, \quad r(x) = -\frac{a}{y_\infty}$

Ansatz: $u(t) = y(t)^{1-\alpha} = y^{-1}(t) \quad [\alpha = 2]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u' &= -y^{-2}(t) \cdot y' = -y^{-2}(ay - \frac{a}{y_\infty}y^2) \\
 &= -au + \frac{a}{y_\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

homogeneous DE: $U' = -au$

$$1. \quad u_{hom}(t) = c \cdot e^{-at}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

2. Variation of constants: $u_p(t) = c(t)e^{-at}$
 $\dots c'(t) = e^{at}e^{-at} = \frac{1}{y_\infty}$ constant function!
 Check:

$$u_p' = -au_p + \frac{a}{y_\infty}$$

$$0 = \frac{-a}{y_\infty} + \frac{a}{y_\infty}$$

3. $u(t) = u_{hom}(t) + u_p(t)$ \leftarrow general solution
 $= ce^{-at} + \frac{1}{y_\infty} = y_\infty^{-1}(1 + cy_\infty e^{-at})$
4. Initial condition:

$$y(0) = y_0$$

$$u(0) = \frac{1}{y(0)} = \frac{1}{y_0}$$

$$\frac{1}{y_0} = u(0) = \frac{1}{y_\infty} + c \rightarrow c = \frac{1}{y_0} - \frac{1}{y_\infty} = \frac{y_\infty - y_0}{y_0 y_\infty}$$

5. $y(t) = u(t)^{-1} = \frac{y_\infty}{1 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{y_\infty - y_0}{y_0}\right)e^{-at}}_{\text{Solution of the IVP}}}$

Observe: $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} y(t) = \frac{y_\infty}{1 + (\dots) \cdot 0} = y_\infty$

6. Remark: **Stationary solutions:** $y' = ay(1 - \frac{y}{y_\infty}) =: f(y)$
- zero of f
 - $y_1 \equiv 0$
 - $y_2 \equiv y_\infty$

Note: The symbol \equiv means a functions is constant equal to the right-hand side.

2.16 Order Reduction

Autonomous 2nd order DE.

$$F(y, y', y'') = 0.$$

$y = y(x)$ The independent variable x does not occur explicitly in the DE.

Idea: Consider y as independent variable and $v = \frac{dy}{dx} = v(y)$ as dependent variable.

$$F(y, \underbrace{v(y)}_{=y'}, ?) = 0$$

$$y'' = \frac{dy'}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dy} \cdot v(y)$$

Summary: $F(y, v(y), v(y) \cdot \frac{dv}{dy}) = 0$

Step 1: Solve 1st order DE to obtain $v = v(y)$.

Step 2:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= v(y) \quad \text{1st order DE for } y \\ \frac{dy}{v(y)} &= dx \quad \text{Separation of the variables!}\end{aligned}$$

2.17 Example: Oscillation

A mass m is secured to the wall with a spring (coefficient k) allowing vertical translation $y = y(t)$.

$$m \cdot y'' + k \cdot y = 0$$

Order reduction: $F(y, y', y'') = m \cdot y'' + k \cdot y = 0$ Variable t does not occur explicitly in DE \rightarrow autonomous DE

$m > 0$ mass

$k > 0$ spring constant

Ansatz: $v = v(y) = y' \rightarrow y'' = v(y) \cdot \frac{dv}{dy}$

DE:

$$\begin{aligned}my'' + ky &= 0 & y: \text{ independent variable} \\ mv \frac{dv}{dy} + dy &= 0 & v: \text{ dependent variable}\end{aligned}$$

1. Separation of var.

$$\begin{aligned}v \frac{dv}{dy} &= -\frac{k}{m}y \\ \int v dv &= -\frac{k}{m} \int y dy + \underbrace{\tilde{c}}_{\geq 0} \\ \frac{1}{2}v^2 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{k}{m} y^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_1^2 \\ v = v(y) &= \pm (c_1^2 - \frac{k}{m} y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

2. $y' = \pm (c_1^2 - \frac{k}{m} y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Solve my separation of var. $y = y(t), y' = \frac{dy}{dt}$

$$\pm \underbrace{\int \frac{dy}{(c_1^2 - \frac{k}{m} y^2)}}_{(*)} = \int dt + c_2.$$

Note: $\left(\frac{1}{|\alpha| \arcsin(\alpha y)}\right)' = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \cdot \alpha \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2 y^2}} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2 y^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \frac{\pm 1}{|c_1|} \int \frac{dy}{\left(1 - \frac{k}{m} \frac{1}{c_1^2} y^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{|c_1|} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}^{-1} |c_1| \arcsin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} c_1^{-1} y \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}^{-1} \arcsin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} c_1^{-1} y \right) = t + c_2$$

$$\arcsin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} c_1^{-1} y \right) = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \tilde{c}_2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} c_1^{-1} y = \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \tilde{c}_2 \right)$$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} c_1 \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \tilde{c}_2 \right)$$

$$y(t) = \tilde{c}_1 \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \tilde{c}_2 \right)$$

→ two parameters in general solution

3 Second-order Linear Differential Equations

3.1 Standard Form

$$\text{IVP} \begin{cases} y''(x) + p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x) = r(x) \\ y(x_0) = y_0 \\ y'(x_0) = y'_0 \end{cases} \text{ initial conditions}$$

Existence and uniqueness of solution for p, q, r continuous (→ Picard-Lindelöf).

Idea: Rewrite IVP as system of two 1st order DEs

Concepts:

$r(x) \equiv 0$ homogeneous DE

$r(x) \not\equiv 0$ inhomogeneous DE

(see 1st order DEs)

Solution: $y(x) = y_{\text{hom}}(x) + y_p(x)$

general solution of in-homogeneous DE = general solution of hom. DE + (one) particular solution of inhomog. DE

$$\begin{aligned} y''_{\text{hom}} + p(x)y'_{\text{hom}}(x) + q(x)y_{\text{hom}}(x) &= 0 \\ y''_p + p(x)y'_p(x) + q(x)y_p(x) &= r(x) \end{aligned}$$

y_{hom} has TWO parameters (\rightarrow two initial conditions)

3.2 Superposition Principle

Let y_1, y_2 denote solutions of the homogeneous DE.

Superposition = linear combination:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x) &:= \underbrace{a}_{\text{constant}} \cdot y_1(x) + \underbrace{b}_{\text{constant}} \cdot y_2(x). \\
 y'(x) &= ay_1'(x) + by_2'(x) \\
 y''(x) &= ay_1''(x) + by_2''(x) \\
 \left. \begin{aligned}
 y_1''(x) + p(x)y_1'(x) + q(x)y_1(x) &= 0 & | \cdot a \\
 y_2''(x) + p(x)y_2'(x) + q(x)y_2(x) &= 0 & | \cdot b
 \end{aligned} \right] + \\
 y''(x) + p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

- Any superposition of solutions of homogeneous DE is again a solution of homogeneous DE.
- General solution of inhomogeneous DE has the form:

$$y(x) = c_1 \cdot y_1(x) + c_2 \cdot y_2(x) + y_p(x).$$

Question: Under which conditions can we choose c_1 and c_2 such that we can impose any pair (x_0, y_0) and (x_0, y_0) or initial conditions?

Answer: $y(x_0) = y_0$ and $y'(x_0) = y_0'$

Ansatz: $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + y_p(x)$

Initial conditions:

$$(x) \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 c_1 y_1(x_0) + c_2 y_2(x_0) & \stackrel{=!y_0}{=} y(x_0) - y_p(x), \\
 c_1 y_1'(x_0) + c_2 y_2'(x_0) & \stackrel{=!y_0'}{=} y'(x_0) - y_p'(x_0).
 \end{aligned} \right.$$

Note that $(*)$ is a 2×2 linear system of equns for unknowns c_1, c_2

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y_1'(x_0) & y_2'(x_0) \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{c}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y_0 - y_p(x_0) \\ y_0' - y_p'(x_0) \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2}.$$

The vector $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ takes on arbitrary values. To ensure that $A\vec{c} = \vec{b}$ has a solution we require: $\det A = |A| \neq 0$ A is an invertable matrix

$$\begin{aligned} w(y_1, y_2) \Big|_{x=x_0} &:= \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y_1'(x_0) & y_2'(x_0) \end{vmatrix} - \\ &= y_1(x_0)y_2'(x_0) - y_1'(x_0)y_2(x_0) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w &: \text{Wronski determinant (function of } x!) \\ w &= w(x) \\ w_{(y_1, y_2)}(x) &= a \end{aligned}$$

Recall: $y''(x) + p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x) = r(x)$

General solution: $y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) + y_p(x)$, $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

y_p : some solution of inhom. DE $r(x) \neq 0$
 y_1, y_2 : solutions of hom. DE $r(x) \equiv 0$

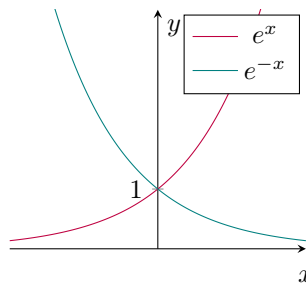
Important condition: $w_{(y_1, y_2)}(x) \neq 0$

$$w_{(y_1, y_2)}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x) & y_2(x) \\ y_1'(x) & y_2'(x) \end{vmatrix}.$$

3.3 Fundamental System ("basis")

Definition: Let y_1, y_2 be solutions of the homogeneous DE. y_1 and y_2 are called fundamental system if $w_{(y_1, y_2)}(x) \neq 0$ for all x in a suitable interval $[a, b]$.

Ex.: $y''(x) - y(x) = 0$
 $y_1(x) = e^x$
 $y_2(x) = e^{-x}$



$$w(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = -1 - 1 = -2 \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \{y_1; y_2\}$ is a fundamental system for the DE $y'' - y = 0$

Ex.: $y''(x) - y'(x) = 0$, $y_1(x) = e^x$, $y_2(x) \equiv 1$

$$w(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & 1 \\ e^x & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 - e^x = -e^x \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \{y_1; y_2\}$ is a fundamental system for the DE $y'' - y' = 0$

Remark: $w = w(x)$ satisfies a 1st order DE:

$$w' = (y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2)' = y_1' y_2' + \underbrace{y_1 y_2'' - y_1'' y_2}_{>0} = w' - y_1' y_2'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1'' + p(x)y_1' + q(x)y_1(x) &= 0 & | \cdot (-y_2) \\ y_2'' + p(x)y_2' + q(x)y_2(x) &= 0 & | \cdot y_1 \end{aligned} \Bigg] +$$

$$w'(x) + p(x)w(x) + 0 = 0.$$

1st order linear homogeneous DE \rightarrow separation of variables

Solution: $w(x) = \underbrace{w(x_0)}_{\text{initial condition}} \cdot \underbrace{e^{-\int_{x_0}^x p(z)dz}}_{>0}$

Hence we conclude that only **two cases** are possible:

1. $w(y_1(x), y_2(x)) \equiv 0$ for all x ,
2. $w(y_1(x), y_2(x)) \neq 0$ for all x .

Ex.: $w(x) \equiv -2$

Ex.: $w(x) = -e^x \neq 0$ for all x

Question: What happens in the case $w(y_1, y_2) \equiv 0$?
 $\{y_1; y_2\}$ is not a fundamental system.

$$y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = 0 \text{ for all } x; \quad y_1, y_2 \neq 0 \quad (3)$$

Let's consider the quotient $\frac{y_1}{y_2}$:

$$\frac{y_1'}{y_2} = \frac{y_1' y_2 - y_1 y_2'}{y_2^2} = 0 \quad \text{by (3).}$$

Hence $\frac{y_1}{y_2}$ is constant in x ! We conclude:

$$y_1(x) = \tilde{c} \cdot y_2(x), \quad \tilde{c} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

$\Rightarrow y_1$ and y_2 are not linearly independent and are **no basis** / fundamental system for the homogeneous DE.

Ex: $y_1(x) = e^x \quad y_2(x) = e^{-x} : \frac{y_1}{y_2}$ is not a constant \rightarrow basis.

Ex: $y_1(x) = e^x \quad y_2(x) \equiv 0 : \frac{y_1}{y_2}$ is not a constant \rightarrow basis.

Next goal: Construct y_1 and y_2

3.4 Method of Lagrange

Setting: y_1 is already known; how to calculate y_2 ?

$$y_1'' + p(x)y_1' + q(x)y_1 = 0 \quad (4)$$

Ansatz: $y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$ $u(x)$ is not a constant function!

$$y_2' = u'y_1 + uy_1' \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$$y_2'' = u''y_1 + u'y_1' + u'y_1' + uy_1''$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= y_2'' + py_2' + qy_2 \\ &= u''y_1 + u'y_1' + u'y_1' + uy_1'' + pu'y_1 + puy_1' + quy_1 \\ &= u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1'' + pu'y_1 + puy_1' + quy_1 \\ &= u''y_1 + u'(2y_1' + py_1) + u \underbrace{(y_1''' + py_1'' + qy_1)}_{=0 \text{ by (4)}} \\ &= u''y_1 + u'(2y_1' + py_1) \end{aligned}$$

Substitution: $v = u' \quad v' = u'' \quad v = v(x)$

$$0 = v'y_1 + v(2y_1' + py_1) \quad \text{1st order homogeneous DE inv } y_1 \neq 0 \quad .$$

Rearrange:

$$v' + v(2\frac{y_1'}{y_1} + p) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{separation of variables.}$$

Obtain one (!) solution $v(x) = \exp(\dots) > 0$

Back substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} u'(x) &= v(x) \\ u(x) &= \int \exp(\dots) dz > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $u(x)$ is not a constant function!

3.5 Example

$$x(x-1)y''(x) = xy'(x) + y(x) = 0 \quad (5)$$

Standard form of (5):

$$y''(x) - (x-1)^{-1}y'(x) + x^{-1}(x-1)^{-1}y(x) = 0.$$

unique solution for $x \neq 0$ and $x \neq 1$. We consider $x > 1$

1. $y_1 = x$ solves (5).

$$0 - (x-1)^{-1} \cdot 1 + x^{-1}(x-1)^{-1}x = 0.$$

2. Method of Lagrange:

$$y_2(x) = u(x) \cdot y_1(x) = u(x) \cdot x.$$

$$y_2' = u' \cdot x + u, \quad y_2'' = u''x + u' \cdot 2.$$

Insert in DE (5):

$$x(x-1)(u'' \cdot x + 2u') - x(u' \cdot x + u) + u \cdot x = 0$$

$$u'' \cdot x^2(x-1) + u'(2x^2 - 2x - x^2) = 0$$

$$u'' \cdot x \cdot (x-1) + u' \cdot (x-2) = 0$$

3. Substitution $v = u'$

$$v' \cdot x \cdot (x-1) + v \cdot (x-2) = 0, \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = v'.$$

$$x \cdot (x-1) \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} = -(x-2) \cdot v$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{v} = - \int \frac{x-2}{x \cdot (x-1)} dx \quad \text{only one solution, not general solution}$$

$$\ln |v| = \dots$$

$$v(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} = u'(x)$$

$$u(x) = \ln |x| + \frac{1}{x} = \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \text{ for } x > 1$$

$$y_2(x) = u(x) \cdot y_1(x) = x \cdot \ln x + 1$$

3.6 Inhomogeneous DE and Variation of Constants

Standard form:

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x) \quad (6)$$

Fundamental system: $\{y_1; y_2\}$

$$y_1'' + py_1' + q = 0$$

$$y_2'' + py_2' + q = 0$$

$$W = y_1y_2' - y_2y_1' \neq 0$$

Goal: Construct a particular solution y_p of the DE (6).