

The Bright Side of Mathematics

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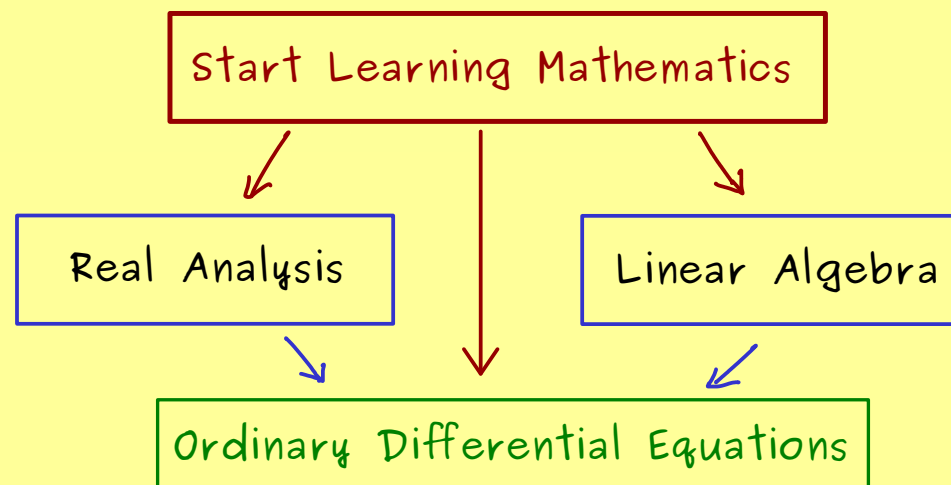


Ordinary Differential Equations – Part 1

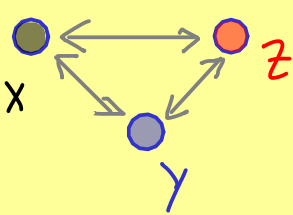
$$f' = f \leftarrow$$

search for a function f that satisfies this?

$$f(x) = e^x$$



Other examples: (a) $\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$ (harmonic oscillator) (second order derivatives)

(b)  $m \cdot \ddot{x} = F$
 $m \cdot \ddot{y} = F$
 $m \cdot \ddot{z} = F$ } system of differential equations

- Topics:
- system of ordinary differential equations (ODE)
 - solution methods
 - existence and uniqueness of solutions
 - linear ordinary differential equations (matrix exponential function)



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 2

Definitions: For $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ (interval, open set, union intervals,...)

$$C^k(I) := \left\{ x: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \underbrace{x \text{ is } k\text{-times continuously differentiable}}_{\substack{\dot{x}, \ddot{x}, \dots, x^{(k)} \text{ continuous functions} \\ \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}}} \right\}$$

Ordinary differential equation: $F(t, x, \dot{x}, \dots, x^{(k)}) = 0$

→ ODE

continuous

Example: $t + x + 2\dot{x} + (\ddot{x})^2 = 0$

(explicit) ODE of order 1: $\dot{x} = w(t, x), w: I \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, I, J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
intervals

Example: $\dot{x} = x + t$

What about? $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 + t \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 + t \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = w\left(t, \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$

System of (explicit) ODEs of order 1:

$$\dot{x} = w(t, x), \quad x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad w: I \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

↑ open set in \mathbb{R}^n

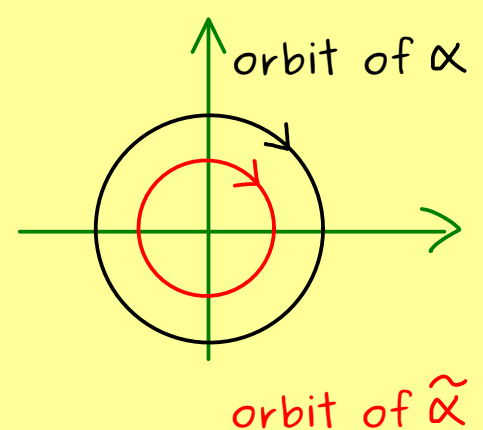
solution of ODE: $\alpha: (t_0, t_1) \rightarrow U$ with $(t_0, t_1) \subseteq I$

satisfies $\dot{\alpha}(t) = w(t, \alpha(t))$ for all $t \in (t_0, t_1)$.

Example: $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 \end{pmatrix}, n=2, U = \mathbb{R}^2, w(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -x_1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\rightsquigarrow \alpha(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}$ is a solution

$\tilde{\alpha}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}$ is a solution





Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 3

ODE: $\dot{x} = w(t, x)$ (explicit, of first order)

Example: (a) $\dot{x} = \lambda \cdot x \rightsquigarrow$ autonomous

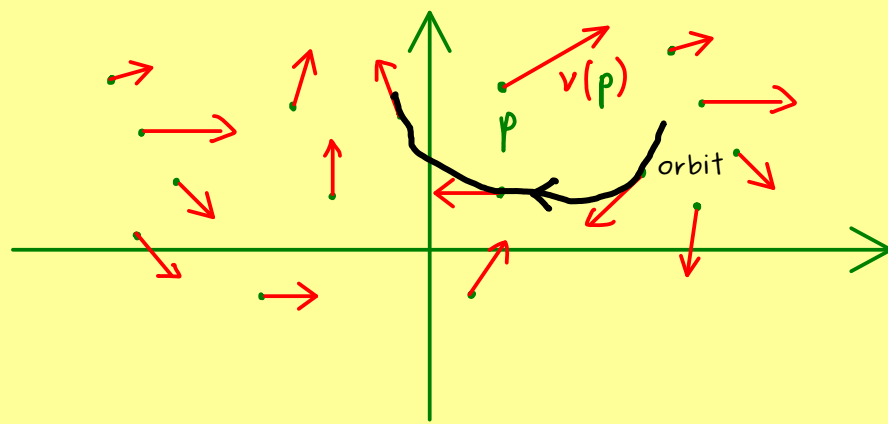
(b) $\dot{x} = t \rightsquigarrow$ not autonomous

(c) $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -x_1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow$ autonomous

Definition: autonomous system: $\dot{x} = v(x)$ with $v: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

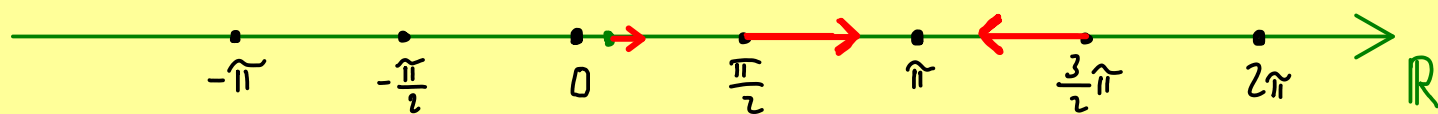
often:
 U open
 v continuous

Directional field:



$$v: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

Examples: (a) $\dot{x} = \sin(x)$, $v: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $v(x) = \sin(x)$

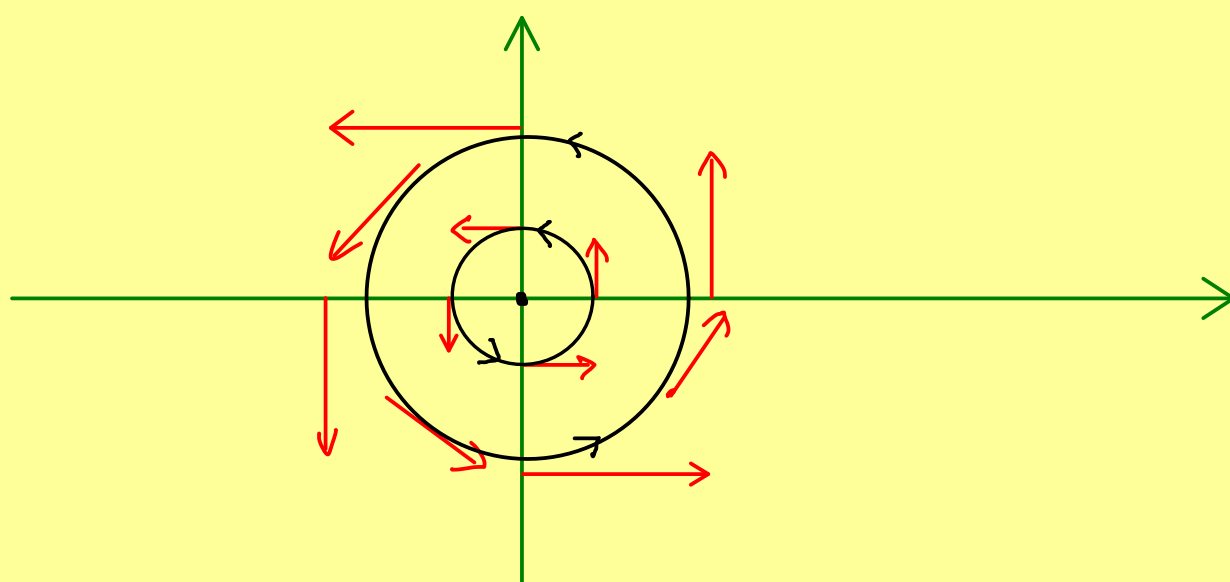


(1) $\alpha(t) = 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ is a solution: $\underbrace{\dot{\alpha}(t)}_{=0} = \underbrace{\sin(\alpha(t))}_{=0}$

(2) $\alpha(t) = \pi$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ is a solution.

(3) A solution with $\alpha(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is monotonically increasing
 with $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(t) = \pi$.

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$, $v: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $(x_1, x_2) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$





Ordinary Differential Equations – Part 4

Example: $\ddot{x} = \cos(\ddot{x}) + \dot{x}^2 + x$ (autonomous ODE of third order)

define: $y = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \\ \ddot{x} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow$

$$\dot{y}_1 = y_2$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = y_3$$

$$\dot{y}_3 = \cos(y_3) + y_2^2 + y_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = v(y) \quad (\text{autonomous system of ODEs of first order})$$

Example: $\ddot{x} = \cos(\ddot{x}) + \dot{x}^2 + x - t^4$ (non-autonomous ODE of third order)

define: $\begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ x \\ \dot{x} \\ \ddot{x} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow$

$$\dot{y}_0 = 1$$

$$\dot{y}_1 = y_2$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = y_3$$

$$\dot{y}_3 = \cos(y_3) + y_2^2 + y_1 - y_0^4$$

Remember: (explicit) autonomous ODE of n th order $\Leftrightarrow \dot{y} = v(y)$

\nearrow n components

(autonomous system of n ODEs of first order)

(explicit) non-autonomous ODE of n th order $\Leftrightarrow \dot{y} = v(y)$

\nearrow $n+1$ components

(autonomous system of $n+1$ ODEs of first order)



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 5

Initial value problem: $\dot{x} = v(x)$ with $v: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous
 $x(0) = x_0$

Find all solutions $\alpha: (t_0, t_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($\dot{\alpha}(t) = v(\alpha(t))$)
with $\alpha(0) = x_0$

Solving strategy: Assume $v(x_0) \neq 0$:

$$\text{ODE: } \frac{\dot{x}}{v(x)} = 1$$

Therefore: any solution $\alpha: (t_0, t_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\alpha(0) = x_0$ satisfies:

fundamental theorem of calculus

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\dot{\alpha}(s)}{v(\alpha(s))} = 1 \quad \text{for all } s \in (t_0, t_1) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \int_0^t \frac{\dot{\alpha}(s)}{v(\alpha(s))} ds = t \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_0, t_1) \\ & \text{substitution: } x = \alpha(s), dx = \dot{\alpha}(s) ds \\ \Leftrightarrow & \int_{x_0}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{1}{v(x)} dx = t \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_0, t_1) \\ \Leftrightarrow & F(\alpha(t)) - F(x_0) = t \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_0, t_1) \\ & \text{where } F \text{ is an antiderivative of } \frac{1}{v} \\ \Leftrightarrow & F(\alpha(t)) = t - c \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_0, t_1) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \alpha(t) = F^{-1}(t - c) \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_0, t_1) \end{aligned}$$

Examples:

(a) $\dot{x} = \lambda \cdot x$, $x(0) = x_0 \neq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda \cdot x \quad \Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x} = \int \lambda dt \quad \text{informally}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log(|x|) = \lambda \cdot t + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

↑
natural logarithm

$$\Leftrightarrow |\alpha(t)| = e^{\lambda t} \cdot e^C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha(t) = \begin{cases} -e^C e^{\lambda t} \\ e^C e^{\lambda t} \end{cases}$$

solution: $\alpha(t) = x_0 \cdot e^{\lambda t}$

(b) $\dot{x} = x^2$, $x(0) = x_0 \neq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x^2} = \int dt$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{x} = t + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{\alpha(t)} = t + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha(t) = \frac{-1}{t + C}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

initial value: $\alpha(0) = \frac{-1}{C} \stackrel{!}{=} x_0 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{x_0}$

solution: $\alpha(t) = \frac{-1}{t + (-\frac{1}{x_0})} = \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0 t}$



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 6

non-autonomous ODE: $\dot{x} = w(t, x)$ can we separate t and x ?

example:

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{t^3}_{\text{only } t} \cdot \underbrace{x^2}_{\text{only } x}$$

Separation of variables: $\dot{x} = g(t) \cdot h(x)$, $x(t_0) = x_0$ (initial value problem)
continuous functions

Assume: $h(x_0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{x}}{h(x)} = g(t)$

Therefore: any solution $\alpha: (t_1, t_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\alpha(t_0) = x_0$ satisfies:

fundamental
theorem
of calculus

$$\frac{\dot{\alpha}(s)}{h(\alpha(s))} = g(s) \quad \text{for all } s \in (t_1, t_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\dot{\alpha}(s)}{h(\alpha(s))} ds = \int_{t_0}^t g(s) ds \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_1, t_2)$$

substitution: $x = \alpha(s)$, $dx = \dot{\alpha}(s) ds$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_{x_0}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{1}{h(x)} dx = \int_{t_0}^t g(s) ds \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_1, t_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F(\alpha(t)) - F(x_0) = G(t) - G(t_0) \quad \text{for all } t \in (t_1, t_2)$$

where F is an antiderivative of $\frac{1}{h}$

where G is an antiderivative of g

$$\Leftrightarrow F(\alpha(t)) = G(t) + c$$

for a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$, for all $t \in (t_1, t_2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha(t) = F^{-1}(G(t) + c)$$

Example: (a) $\dot{x} = \frac{1}{3}t^3 x$, $x(0) = x_0 \neq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}t^3 x \quad \Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x} = \int \frac{1}{3}t^3 dt$$

informally

$$\Leftrightarrow \log(|x|) = \frac{1}{12}t^4 + c \quad \text{for a constant } c \in \mathbb{R}$$

natural logarithm

$$\Leftrightarrow |\alpha(t)| = e^{\frac{1}{12}t^4 + c} \quad \alpha(0) = x_0 \Rightarrow \alpha(t) = x_0 \cdot e^{\frac{1}{12}t^4}$$

(b) $\dot{x} = \sin(t) \cdot e^x$, $x(0) = x_0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \sin(t) \cdot e^x \quad \Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dx}{e^x} = \int \sin(t) dt$$

informally

$$\Leftrightarrow -e^{-x} = -\cos(t) + c \quad \text{for a constant } c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha(t) = -\log(\cos(t) + \tilde{c}) \quad \text{for a constant } \tilde{c} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\alpha(0) = x_0 \Rightarrow -\log(\cos(0) + \tilde{c}) = x_0 \Rightarrow \tilde{c} = e^{-x_0} - 1$$



Ordinary Differential Equations – Part 7

Linear ODE of first order: $\dot{x} = a(t) \cdot x + b(t)$ continuous functions

Finding solutions: (with an integrating factor)

$$\dot{x} + \tilde{a}(t)x = b(t) \quad \text{with } \tilde{a}(t) := -a(t)$$

multiplying both sides

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{x} e^{\tilde{A}(t)} + \tilde{a}(t)x e^{\tilde{A}(t)} = b(t)e^{\tilde{A}(t)}$$

product rule

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left(x(t) e^{\tilde{A}(t)} \right) = \underbrace{b(t) e^{\tilde{A}(t)}}_{H}$$

antiderivative

$$\Leftrightarrow x(t) e^{\tilde{A}(t)} = H(t) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{solutions: } \alpha(t) = e^{-\tilde{A}(t)} \left(H(t) + c \right), \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Note: if \tilde{A} is an antiderivative of \tilde{a} ,

$$\text{then: } \frac{d}{dt} e^{\tilde{A}(t)} = \underbrace{\tilde{A}'(t)}_{\tilde{a}(t)} \cdot e^{\tilde{A}(t)}$$

H is antiderivative of $b(t)e^{\tilde{A}(t)}$

Example: $\dot{x} = tx + e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}, \quad x(0) = x_0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{x} - tx = e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \quad | \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{x} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} - tx e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left(x(t) \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} \right) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(t) \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} = t + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{solution: } \alpha(t) = (t + c) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}$$

$$\text{Initial value condition: } \underbrace{\alpha(0)}_c = x_0 \rightsquigarrow \alpha(t) = (t + x_0) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}$$



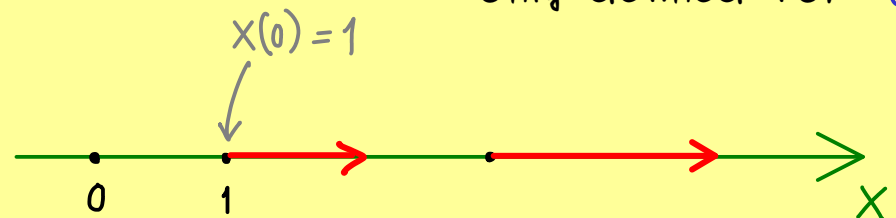
Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 8

Questions: Initial value problem: $\dot{x} = v(x)$ with $v: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ continuous
 $x(0) = x_0$

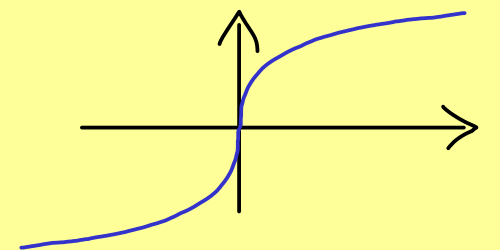
- Does a solution exist?
- What is the domain of definition?
- Uniqueness of solutions?

Examples: (a) $\dot{x} = x^2$, $x(0) = 1$ $\xRightarrow{\text{part 5}}$ solution exists: $\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$

only defined for $t < 1$



(b) $\dot{x} = v(x)$, $x(0) = 0$ with $v(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{|x|}, & x \geq 0 \\ -\sqrt{|x|}, & x < 0 \end{cases}$

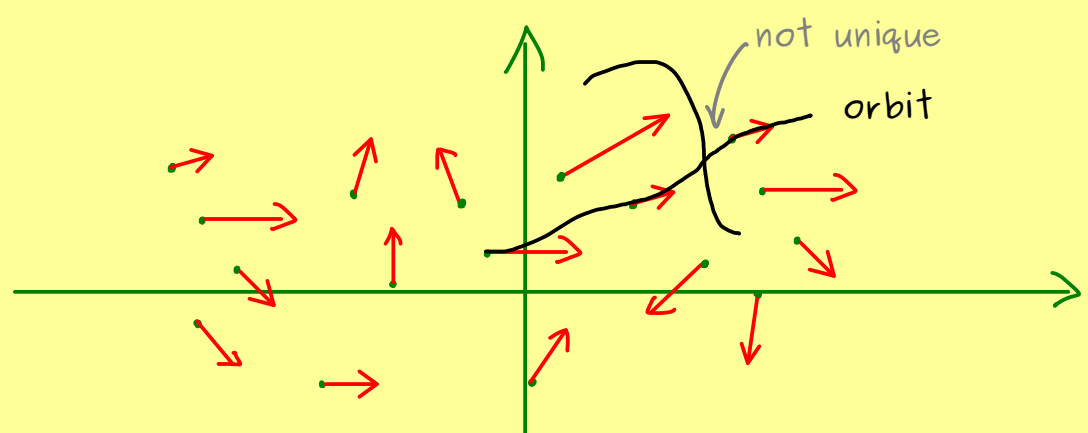


We find at least two solutions: $\alpha(t) = 0$ for all t

$$\tilde{\alpha}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{4}t^2, & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

In general:

directional field



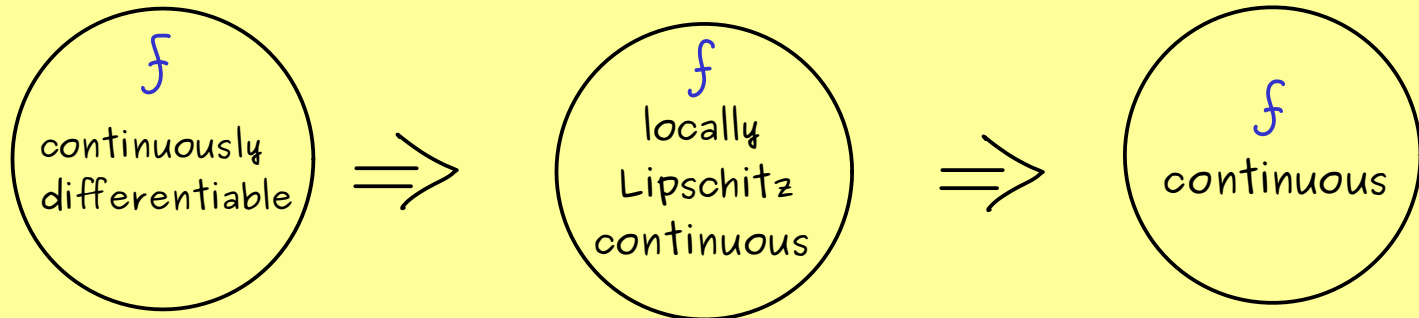
existence: does each point have an orbit?

uniqueness: can two orbits cross?

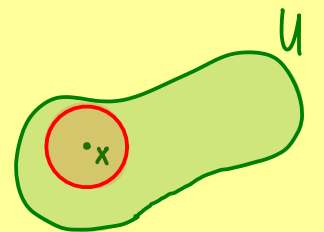


Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 9

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



Definition: $v: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ (or open set U) is called locally Lipschitz continuous if:



$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \exists \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists L \geq 0 \quad \forall y, z \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon(x) :$$

$$\|v(y) - v(z)\| \leq L \cdot \|y - z\|$$

standard norm of \mathbb{R}^n Lipschitz constant

Remember: (1) v loc. Lipschitz continuous $\Rightarrow v$ continuous
 $(y_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} y \Rightarrow \|v(y_n) - v(y)\| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0)$

(2) v loc. Lipschitz continuous $\Rightarrow \frac{\|v(y) - v(z)\|}{\|y - z\|} \leq L$

(3) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuously differentiable. Fix $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\epsilon > 0$

$$\frac{|f(y) - f(z)|}{|y - z|} \stackrel{\text{mean value theorem}}{=} |f'(\xi)| \quad \xi \text{ between } y \text{ and } z$$

$$\leq \sup_{\tilde{\xi} \in \mathcal{B}_\epsilon(x)} |f'(\tilde{\xi})| =: L \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow f$ loc. Lipschitz continuous



Ordinary Differential Equations – Part 10

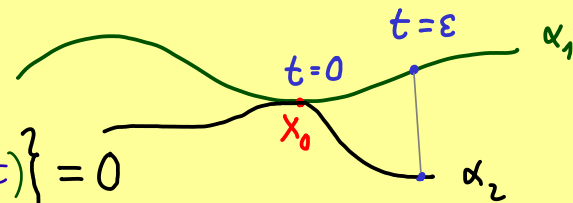
Initial value problem: $\dot{x} = v(x)$ with $v: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous
 $x(0) = x_0$

Theorem: The initial value problem has at most one solution. (orbits don't cross!)

Proof: Assume α_1, α_2 are two distinct solutions ($\alpha_1(0) = \alpha_2(0) = x_0$)

with $\alpha_1(\varepsilon) \neq \alpha_2(\varepsilon)$ for $\varepsilon > 0$ and

$$\inf \{ \tau \in [0, \varepsilon] \mid \alpha_1(\tau) \neq \alpha_2(\tau) \} = 0$$



$$\|\beta(t)\| = \|\alpha_1(t) - \alpha_2(t)\|$$

$$= \left\| \int_0^t \dot{\alpha}_1(\tau) d\tau - \int_0^t \dot{\alpha}_2(\tau) d\tau \right\| = \left\| \int_0^t v(\alpha_1(\tau)) d\tau - \int_0^t v(\alpha_2(\tau)) d\tau \right\|$$

$$= \left\| \int_0^t (v(\alpha_1(\tau)) - v(\alpha_2(\tau))) d\tau \right\| \leq \int_0^t \|v(\alpha_1(\tau)) - v(\alpha_2(\tau))\| d\tau$$

$$\leq L \cdot \|\alpha_1(\tau) - \alpha_2(\tau)\|$$

$$\leq L \cdot \int_0^\varepsilon \|\beta(\tau)\| d\tau \leq L \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \max_{\tau \in (0, \varepsilon]} \|\beta(\tau)\|$$

choose ε such that $L\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \|\beta(t)\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \max_{\tau \in (0, \varepsilon]} \|\beta(\tau)\| \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, \varepsilon] \quad \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \quad \checkmark$$



Ordinary Differential Equations – Part 11

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{initial value problem} \\ \text{with } v: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ loc. Lipschitz continuous} \end{array}$$

integrating \rightarrow

$$\int_0^t \dot{x}(s) ds = \int_0^t v(x(s)) ds$$

$$\underbrace{\int_0^t \dot{x}(s) ds}_{x(t) - x(0)} = \int_0^t v(x(s)) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 + \underbrace{\int_0^t v(x(s)) ds}_{\Phi(x)} \quad \text{function}$$

Definition: $\Phi: \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n)$

$$f \mapsto \left(t \mapsto x_0 + \int_0^t v(f(s)) ds \right)$$

Now we know: $x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Phi(x) = x \quad \text{(fixed point equation)}$$

Banach fixed-point theorem: Let (X, d) be a complete metric space (set with distance function)

and $\Phi: X \rightarrow X$ be a contraction, which means:

$$\exists q \in [0, 1) \quad \forall x, \tilde{x} \in X: d(\Phi(x), \Phi(\tilde{x})) \leq q \cdot d(x, \tilde{x})$$

$\nwarrow < 1$

Then: Φ has a unique fixed point $x^* \in X$ and

for each $x_0 \in X$ we have: $\Phi^n(x_0) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} x^*$.



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 12

initial value problem:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

with $v: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous

\implies there is a unique solution!

(Picard-Lindelöf theorem)

Banach fixed-point theorem:

Let (X, d) be a complete metric space

and $\Phi: X \rightarrow X$ be a contraction.

Then: Φ has a unique fixed point $x^* \in X$.

We need:

(1) Complete metric space consisting of functions.

(2) Contraction $\Phi(\alpha)(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t v(\alpha(s)) ds$

Now we know: $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a solution of $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$

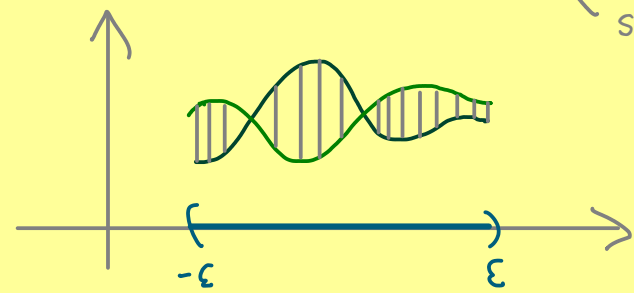
$\iff \Phi(\alpha) = \alpha$ (fixed point equation)

For (1):

$$X = \left\{ \alpha: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \tilde{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{in the domain of } v \\ \text{with property } (*) \\ \text{(see below)} \end{array} \mid \alpha \text{ continuous, } \alpha(0) = x_0 \right. \\ \left. + \text{ bounded} \right\}$$

with metric:

$$d(\alpha, \beta) := \sup_{t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)} \|\alpha(t) - \beta(t)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$



standard norm

Fact: (X, d) is a complete metric space.

For (2):

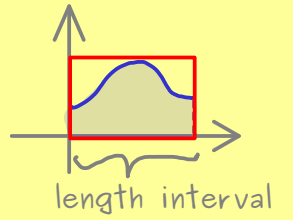
$$\Phi(\alpha)(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t v(\alpha(s)) ds \quad \text{gives a map } \Phi: X \rightarrow X$$

$$d(\Phi(\alpha), \Phi(\beta)) = \sup_{t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)} \|\Phi(\alpha)(t) - \Phi(\beta)(t)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

triangle inequality for integrals

$$= \sup_{t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)} \left\| \int_0^t (v(\alpha(s)) - v(\beta(s))) ds \right\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$\leq \sup_{t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)} \int_0^t \|v(\alpha(s)) - v(\beta(s))\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} ds$$



length interval

$$\leq \sup_{t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)} \underbrace{\text{length}([0, t])}_{|t| \leq \epsilon} \cdot \sup_{s \in [0, t]} \|v(\alpha(s)) - v(\beta(s))\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} \leq \sup_{s \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)} \dots$$

$$\leq \epsilon \cdot \sup_{s \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)} \|v(\alpha(s)) - v(\beta(s))\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$\leq L \|\alpha(s) - \beta(s)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} \quad (*) \text{ needed}$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\epsilon \cdot L}_{< 1 \text{ for } \epsilon \text{ small enough}} \cdot d(\alpha, \beta) \quad \text{contraction}$$

< 1 for epsilon small enough

Picard-Lindelöf theorem

$v: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous, $x_0 \in U$.

Then there is $\epsilon > 0$ and a unique solution $\alpha: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow U$

for the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

Definition of \tilde{U} with property (*)

v being locally Lipschitz continuous at x_0 means:

$$\exists \delta > 0 \quad \exists L \geq 0 \quad \forall y, z \in \mathcal{B}_\delta(x_0) : \|\underbrace{v(y)}_{\alpha(s)} - \underbrace{v(z)}_{\beta(s)}\| \leq L \cdot \|y - z\|$$

So we need $\alpha(s), \beta(s) \in \mathcal{B}_\delta(x_0)$ for all $s \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$.

Hence: $\tilde{U} := \mathcal{B}_\delta(x_0)$ (not a problem for the solution since we choose ϵ as small as we want)



Ordinary Differential Equations – Part 13

Picard-Lindelöf theorem

$v: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous, $x_0 \in U$.

Then there is $\epsilon > 0$ and a unique solution $\alpha: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow U$

for the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}.$$

Picard iteration:

Iteration from the Banach fixed-point theorem $\Phi^n(\tilde{\alpha}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha$

$$\Phi(\tilde{\alpha})(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t v(\tilde{\alpha}(s)) ds$$

Example: initial value problem: $\dot{x} = x$
 $x(0) = 1$

start with $\tilde{\alpha}: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\tilde{\alpha}(t) = 1$

first step: $\Phi(\tilde{\alpha})(t) = 1 + \int_0^t \tilde{\alpha}(s) ds = 1 + t$

second step: $\Phi^2(\tilde{\alpha})(t) = 1 + \int_0^t (1+s) ds = 1 + t + \frac{1}{2}t^2$

n th step: $\Phi^n(\tilde{\alpha})(t) = 1 + t + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}t^n$

$\downarrow n \rightarrow \infty$ (pointwise limit) (also uniform limit)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} = \exp(t)$$



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 14

initial value problem:

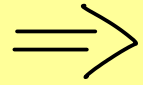
(IVP $_{x_0}^{t_0}$)

$$\dot{x} = v(x)$$

$$x(t_0) = x_0$$

with $v: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous
↑ open in \mathbb{R}^n

(Picard-Lindelöf theorem)



there is $\epsilon > 0$ and a unique solution

$$\alpha: (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

Extension of solution:

We say a solution $\tilde{\alpha}: I \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ extends $\alpha: (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ if $I \supsetneq (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)$ and $\tilde{\alpha}|_{(t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)} = \alpha$.

Maximal solutions:

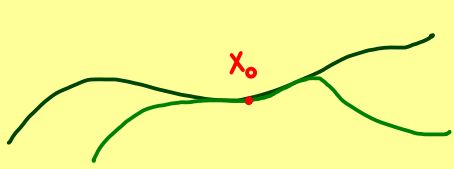
A solution $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is called maximal if there is no extension.

Proposition:

(IVP $_{x_0}^{t_0}$) for $v: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous

has exactly one maximal solution (defined on an open interval).

Proof:



$$\alpha_1: I_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

$$\alpha_2: I_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

two solutions of (IVP $_{x_0}^{t_0}$)

$$\Rightarrow I := I_1 \cap I_2 = (a, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1|_I, \alpha_2|_I \text{ two solutions of (IVP}_{x_0}^{t_0})$$

There is $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\alpha_1|_{(t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)} = \alpha_2|_{(t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)}$

$$\left\{ J \text{ open interval} \mid I \supseteq J \supseteq (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon) \text{ with } \alpha_1|_J = \alpha_2|_J \right\} = \mathcal{M}$$

$$(t_-, t_+) := \bigcup_{J \in \mathcal{M}} J \text{ gives maximal open interval}$$

Show: $t_+ = b$ Assume: $t_+ \neq b$

$$\text{Then: } \alpha_1(t) = \alpha_2(t) \text{ for all } t \in (t_-, t_+)$$

$$\downarrow t \rightarrow t_+ \quad \downarrow$$

$$\tilde{x}_0 = \alpha_1(t_+) = \alpha_2(t_+) \text{ because of continuity on } I$$

Look at (IVP $_{\tilde{x}_0}^{t_+}$): uniqueness of solution implies:

$$\alpha_1(t) = \alpha_2(t) \text{ for } t \in (t_+ - \tilde{\epsilon}, t_+ + \tilde{\epsilon})$$

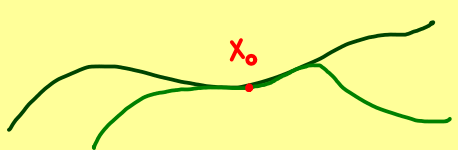
$$\Rightarrow (t_-, t_+ + \tilde{\epsilon}) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \downarrow$$

Conclusion: $(t_-, t_+) = I$ and

$$\alpha_1|_I = \alpha_2|_I \Rightarrow \alpha: I_1 \cup I_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

Define: $\left\{ I \text{ open interval} \mid \text{there is a solution } \alpha: I \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \text{ for (IVP}_{x_0}^{t_0}) \right\} = \mathcal{S}$

$$\bigcup_{I \in \mathcal{S}} I \text{ open interval for maximal solution} \quad \square$$



cannot happen!

Definition: If the maximal solution is defined on $I = \mathbb{R}$, then it's called a global solution.

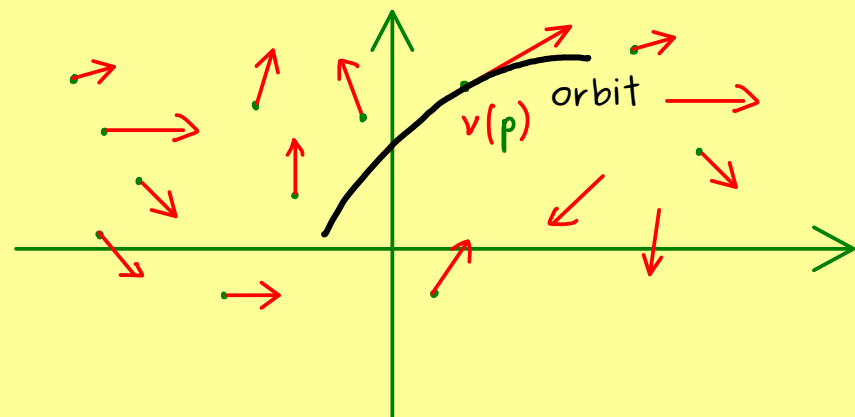


Ordinary Differential Equations – Part 15

$$\dot{x} = v(x) \quad \text{vector field}$$

$$v: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

open in \mathbb{R}^n



For $v: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous:

(IVP $_{x_0}^{t_0}$)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

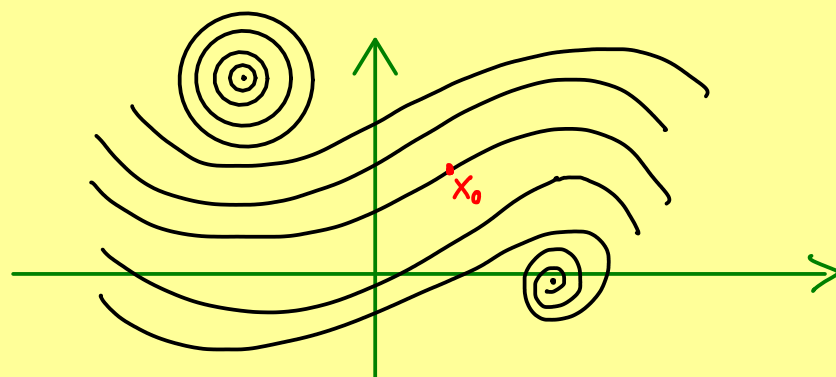
has a unique maximal solution $\alpha: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$



$$\beta(\tilde{t}) := \alpha(\tilde{t} + t_0)$$

$\beta: \tilde{\mathcal{I}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a maximal solution (IVP $_{x_0}^0$)

Phase portrait:



orbit at x_0

$$\left\{ \alpha(t) \mid t \in \mathcal{I} \text{ where } \alpha: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \right\}$$

is the max. solution of (IVP $_{x_0}^0$)

Proposition:

For $v: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous, the phase portrait satisfies:

(a) For all $x \in \mathcal{D}$ there is an orbit $\mathcal{O} \ni x$.

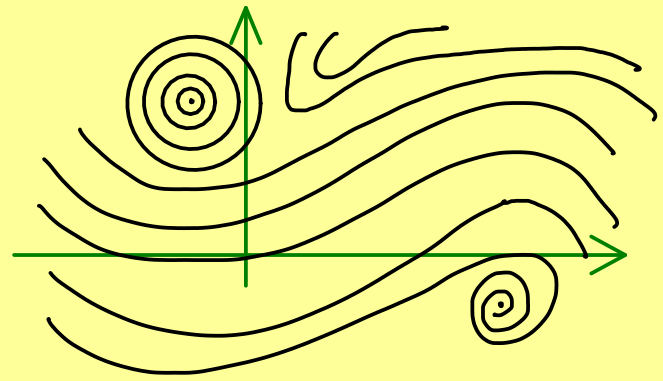
(b) Two orbits $\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2$ satisfy: $\mathcal{O}_1 \cap \mathcal{O}_2 \neq \emptyset \implies \mathcal{O}_1 = \mathcal{O}_2$



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 16

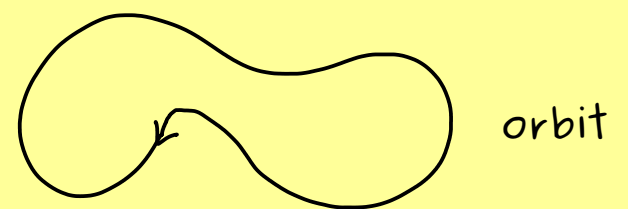
$$\dot{x} = v(x), \quad v: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

↖ open in \mathbb{R}^n



Definition: A global solution $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ of $\dot{x} = v(x)$ is called:

- fixed point if $\alpha(t) = \alpha(0)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- periodic if there is a $T > 0$ with $\alpha(t+T) = \alpha(t)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
↖ a period

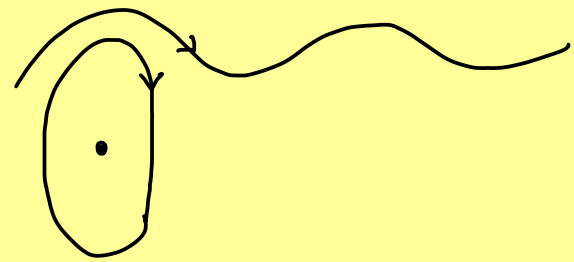


Proposition: For $v: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ loc. Lipschitz continuous,

there are three options for the maximal solution α of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) α is injective
- (b) α is fixed point
- (c) α is periodic



Example:

$$\ddot{x} = -\sin(x) \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin(x_1) \end{pmatrix} = v(x_1, x_2)$$

Do we have $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(\alpha(t)) = \text{constant}$ for all t ?

Note: $f(\alpha(t)) = \text{constant}$ for all t

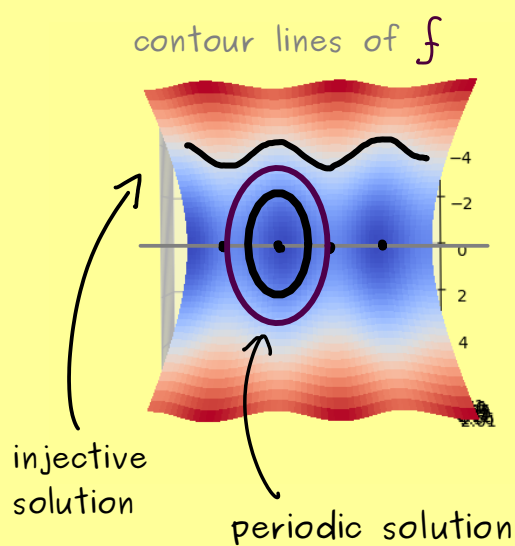
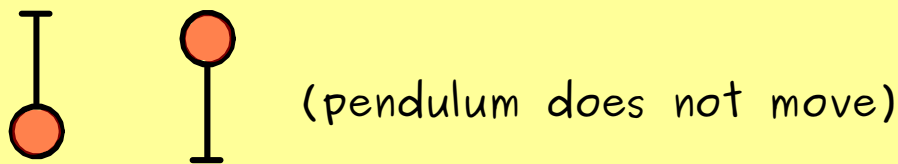
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} f(\alpha(t)) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t$$

chain rule

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle \text{grad} f(\alpha(t)), \underbrace{\dot{\alpha}(t)}_{v(\alpha(t))} \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2} x_2^2 - \cos(x_1) \quad \text{satisfies} \quad \langle \text{grad} f(x_1, x_2), v(x_1, x_2) \rangle = 0.$$

Fixed point: $\text{grad} f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(x_1) \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow x_2 = 0, \quad x_1 = k \cdot \pi$
 $k \in \mathbb{Z}$





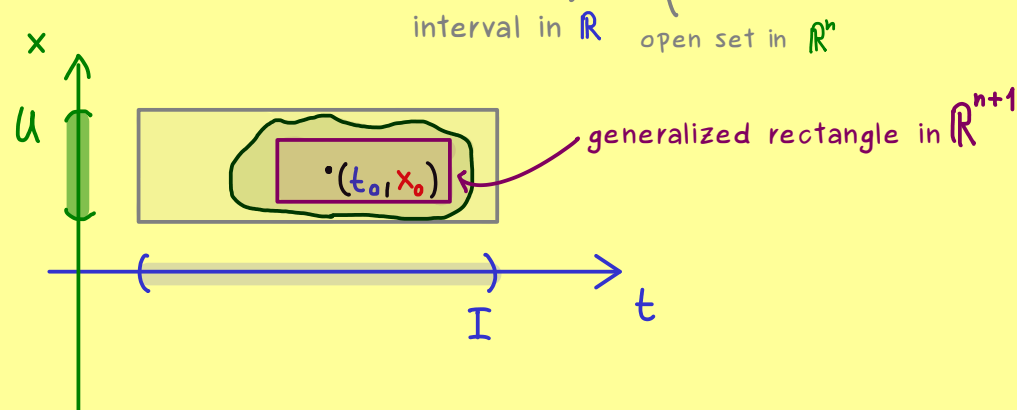
Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 17

In part 12: Picard-Lindelöf theorem for initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \begin{array}{l} \text{locally Lipschitz continuous} \\ \Rightarrow \text{there is a unique solution} \end{array}$$

Now: $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = w(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ initial value problem

continuous function $w: I \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$



Picard-Lindelöf theorem (for non-autonomous systems)

Assume $w: I \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfies: $\forall K \subseteq I \times U$ compact $\exists L_K > 0 \forall (t, x), (t, y) \in K$:

continuous!

$$\|w(t, x) - w(t, y)\| \leq L_K \|x - y\|$$

standard norm in \mathbb{R}^n

Then: For $x_0 \in U$, there is $\epsilon > 0$ and a unique solution $\alpha: (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon) \rightarrow U$

for the initial value problem $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = w(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$.

Proof: Same as in part 12 with $\Phi(\alpha)(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t w(s, \alpha(s)) ds$ and Banach fixed-point theorem.

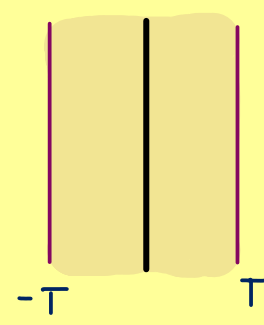
Picard-Lindelöf theorem (special version)

Assume $w: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous and satisfies: for each $T > 0$:

$$\exists L_T > 0 \forall t \in [-T, T] \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n: \|w(t, x) - w(t, y)\| \leq L_T \|x - y\|$$

Then there is a unique global solution $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

for the initial value problem $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = w(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$.



Proof: Set $t_0 = 0$. Complete metric space $X = C([-T, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$

with metric $d(\alpha, \beta) := \sup_{t \in [-T, T]} e^{-2L_T|t|} \cdot \|\alpha(t) - \beta(t)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$

standard norm

$$\Phi(\alpha)(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t w(s, \alpha(s)) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(\Phi(\alpha), \Phi(\beta)) &= \sup_{t \in [-T, T]} e^{-2L_T|t|} \|\Phi(\alpha)(t) - \Phi(\beta)(t)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} \\ &= \sup_{t \in [-T, T]} e^{-2L_T|t|} \left\| \int_0^t (w(s, \alpha(s)) - w(s, \beta(s))) ds \right\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} \\ &\stackrel{\text{triangle inequality for integrals}}{\leq} \sup_{t \in [-T, T]} e^{-2L_T|t|} \left| \int_0^t \|w(s, \alpha(s)) - w(s, \beta(s))\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} ds \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [-T, T]} e^{-2L_T|t|} \int_0^t L_T e^{2L_T|s|} e^{-2L_T|s|} \|\alpha(s) - \beta(s)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n} ds \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [-T, T]} e^{-2L_T|t|} L_T d(\alpha, \beta) \left| \int_0^t e^{2L_T|s|} ds \right| \leq d(\alpha, \beta) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} d(\alpha, \beta) \underbrace{\sup_{t \in [-T, T]} (1 - e^{-2L_T|t|})}_{\leq 1} \frac{1}{2L_T} (e^{2L_T|t|} - 1) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} d(\alpha, \beta) \end{aligned}$$

Banach fixed-point theorem:

$\Rightarrow \Phi: X \rightarrow X$ is a contraction \Rightarrow unique solution $\alpha: [-T, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ for all $T > 0$

\Rightarrow global solution $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

□



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 18

Definition: A system of ODEs $\dot{x} = w(t, x)$

is called a system of linear differential equations if

$$w : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, (t, x) \mapsto A(t)x + b(t)$$

← continuous
← or interval
← or open set

with $A : t \mapsto A(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
 $b : t \mapsto b(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ← continuous

- Note:**
- If $b(t) = 0$ for all t , then the system is called homogeneous.
 - If $A(t) = A, b(t) = b$ for all t , then the system is called autonomous.

Lipschitz condition?

$$\begin{aligned} \|w(t, x) - w(t, y)\| &= \|A(t)x + b(t) - (A(t)y + b(t))\| \\ &= \|A(t)(x - y)\| \leq \|A(t)\| \cdot \|x - y\| \\ &\leq L_T \cdot \|x - y\| \end{aligned}$$

matrix norm/ operator norm
 $[-T, T] \ni t \mapsto \|A(t)\|$ continuous

Picard-Lindelöf theorem (special version)

\implies unique global solution $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ for initial value problem $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = w(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$

Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{t^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot x_1 \\ 2t \cdot x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{t^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow e^{-t} \\ \leftarrow e^{-t^2} \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 e^{-t} - x_1 e^{-t} = 0 \\ \dot{x}_2 e^{-t^2} - x_2 \cdot 2t e^{-t^2} = 1 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}(x_1 e^{-t}) = 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt}(x_2 e^{-t^2}) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \begin{cases} x_1 e^{-t} = c_1 \\ x_2 e^{-t^2} = t + c_2 \end{cases} &\implies \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^t \\ (t + c_2) e^{t^2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{t^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ t e^{t^2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



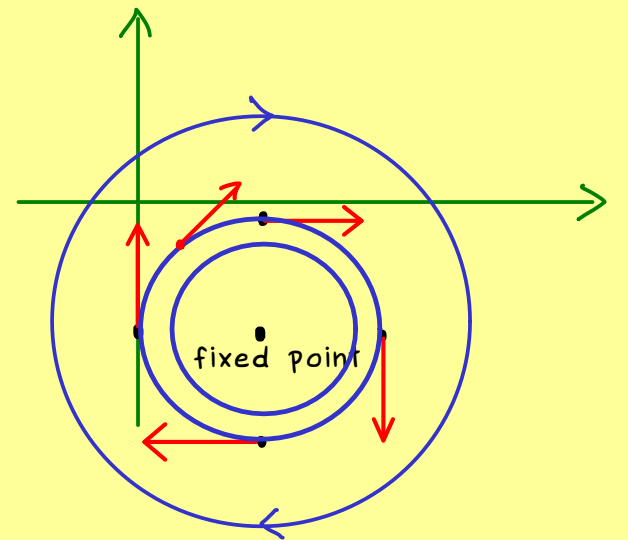
Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 19

System of linear differential equations: (of first order)

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x + b(t) \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{array}{l} I \ni t \xrightarrow{\text{continuous}} A(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \\ \text{interval in } \mathbb{R} \quad I \ni t \xrightarrow{\text{continuous}} b(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

- solutions are global $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- autonomous systems: $A(t) = A, b(t) = b$

example: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $v(x) = Ax + b$



- corresponding homogeneous system

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x$$

Fact: If $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \beta: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are two solutions of $\dot{x} = A(t)x$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta)'(t) &= \dot{\alpha}(t) + \dot{\beta}(t) = A(t)\alpha(t) + A(t)\beta(t) \\ &= A(t)(\alpha(t) + \beta(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$(\lambda \cdot \alpha)'(t) = A(t)(\lambda \cdot \alpha(t)) \quad \rightsquigarrow \text{linear combinations of solutions are solutions}$$

Proposition: The solution set of the corresponding homogeneous system

$$S_0 := \left\{ \alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ continuously differentiable} \mid \dot{\alpha}(t) = A(t)\alpha(t) \text{ for all } t \in I \right\}$$

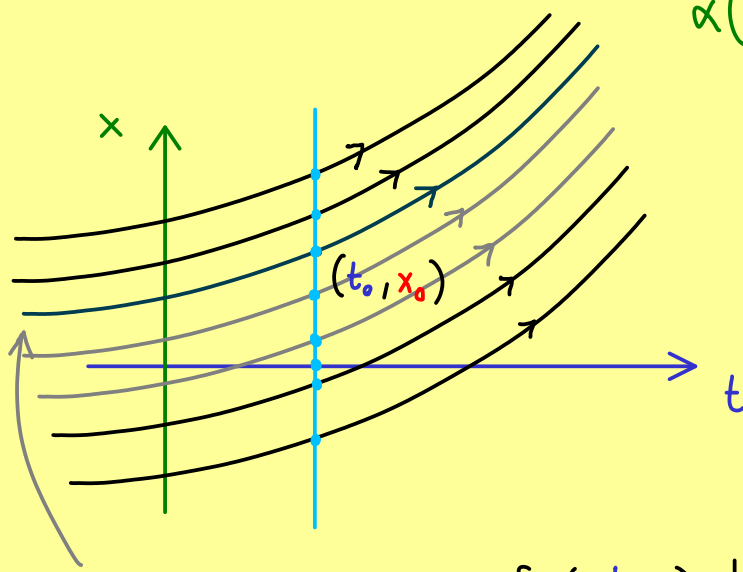
forms an n -dimensional \mathbb{R} -vector space.

Proof: S_0 is a subspace in the \mathbb{R} -vector space $C^1(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$.

What about the dimension of S_0 ?

(IVP $\begin{smallmatrix} t_0 \\ x_0 \end{smallmatrix}$) $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A(t)x \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Picard-Lindelöf theorem (special version)}}$ unique solution $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\alpha(t_0) = x_0$

extended phase portrait:



$$\text{extended orbit at } (t_0, x_0) : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \alpha(t) \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in I \text{ where } \alpha \text{ is unique solution of (IVP } \begin{smallmatrix} t_0 \\ x_0 \end{smallmatrix}) \right\}$$

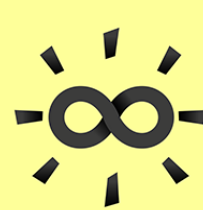
define a map: $l: S_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\alpha \mapsto \alpha(t_0)$ ← linear map!

↳ surjective (every (IVP $\begin{smallmatrix} t_0 \\ x_0 \end{smallmatrix}$) has a solution)

↳ injective $\left(l(\alpha) = l(\beta) \Rightarrow \alpha(t_0) = \beta(t_0) \right)$
uniqueness
 $\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta \text{ on } I$

$\Rightarrow l: S_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ isomorphism

$\Rightarrow \dim(S_0) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$ □



Ordinary Differential Equations - Part 21

System of linear differential equations:

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x + b(t) \quad (*)$$

with
interval
in \mathbb{R}

$$I \ni t \longrightarrow$$

$$A(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$b(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

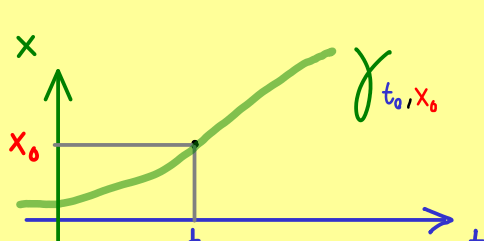
We already know:

- the homogeneous part of $(*)$ ($\dot{x} = A(t)x$) has an n -dimensional solution space S_0

- the initial value problem (IVP) $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A(t)x + b(t) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ has a global solution

$$\gamma_{t_0, x_0} : I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A(t)x + b(t) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$



Solution set: $S := \{ \beta : I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ continuously differentiable} \mid \beta \text{ solution of } (*) \}$

$$S_0 + \gamma_{t_0, x_0} := \{ \alpha + \gamma_{t_0, x_0} \mid \alpha \in S_0 \} \quad (\text{affine subspace})$$

Show $S = S_0 + \gamma_{t_0, x_0} : (\supseteq)$ Take $\alpha \in S_0$: $A(t)(\alpha(t) + \gamma_{t_0, x_0}(t)) + b(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underbrace{A(t)\alpha(t)} + \underbrace{A(t)\gamma_{t_0, x_0}(t) + b(t)} \\ &= \dot{\alpha}(t) + \dot{\gamma}_{t_0, x_0}(t) \\ &= (\alpha + \gamma_{t_0, x_0})'(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \gamma_{t_0, x_0} \in S$$

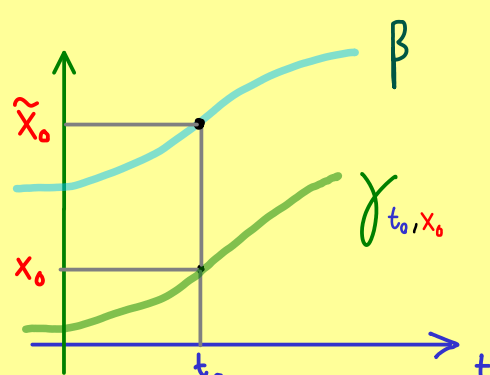
(\subseteq) Take $\beta \in S$ and set $\tilde{x}_0 := \beta(t_0)$

$$\Rightarrow \beta \text{ is solution of } (\text{IVP}_{\tilde{x}_0}^{t_0})$$

Choose $\alpha \in S_0$ as the solution

of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = A(t)x \\ x(t_0) = \tilde{x}_0 - x_0 \end{cases}$$



Then: $\alpha + \gamma_{t_0, x_0} \in S$ with $(\alpha + \gamma_{t_0, x_0})(t_0) = \alpha(t_0) + \gamma_{t_0, x_0}(t_0) = \tilde{x}_0 - x_0 + x_0 = \tilde{x}_0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \gamma_{t_0, x_0} \text{ is solution of } (\text{IVP}_{\tilde{x}_0}^{t_0})$$

uniqueness

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \alpha + \gamma_{t_0, x_0}$$

□

Result: The solution set of $\dot{x} = A(t)x + b(t)$ is given by

$$S = S_0 + \gamma$$

where S_0 is the solution space of the homogeneous part $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ and γ is a particular solution of $\dot{x} = A(t)x + b(t)$.

(S is an n -dimensional affine subspace)