

Key take: approximating solutions of 1st-order differential equations in 2 ways

Tip: Direction fields → sketch solution curves for  $y' = f(x, y)$

- (1) compute slopes  $y' = f(x_i, y_i)$  at lots of  $(x_i, y_i)$
- (2) mark the slopes in  $xy$ -plane by short line segments
- (3) fit in solution curves to roughly match the slopes

by  $S_i = f(x_i, y_i)$   $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$   
 $y_{i+1} = y_i + S_i \cdot h$  ← moving along tangent line at  $(x_i, y_i)$  to  $(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})$

Make a table:

$i$	$x_i$	$y_i$	$S_i = f(x_i, y_i)$	$y_{i+1} = y_i + S_i \cdot h$
0	$x_0$	$y_0$	→ compute	→ compute
1	$x_0 + h$	$y_1$	← compute	→ compute
⋮	⋮	⋮		
$n-1$	$x_0 + (n-1)h$			→ estimate

This Euler's method → estimate  $y(x_f)$  if  $y = y(x)$  solves initial value problem  $y' = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$

(1) Do this with  $n$  steps of size  $h = \Delta x = \frac{x_f - x_0}{n}$

(2) find estimates  $y_2, \dots, y_n$  for  $y(x_{i+1})$  with  $x_1 = x_0 + h$ ,  $x_2 = x_0 + 2h, \dots, x_{i+1} = x_0 + (i+1)h$  with  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$

Today: finding exact solutions to some 1st-order differential equations

Already can:  $y' = f(x)$ ,  $y(x) = y(x)$

Just integrate both sides to get  $y$   
 (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:  $\int y' dx = y + C$ )

Extend to:  $y' = f(x) \cdot g(y)$ ,  $y = y(x)$

Step 1: Write  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \cdot g(y)$

Step 2: Move all  $y$ 's to LHS, all  $x$ 's to RHS

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \cdot g(y) \rightarrow \frac{dy}{g(y)} = f(x) dx$$

Step 3: Integrate both sides:  $\int \frac{dy}{g(y)} = \int f(x) dx$

Board #2

$$G(y) + C_1 = F(x) + C_2$$

Get  $G(y) = F(x) + C$   $C = \text{arbitrary constant}$

defines  $y$  implicitly as a function of  $x$  (I-§3.2)

for each fixed  $x$ , "can" solve to get  $y = y(x)$

$G(y) = F(x) + C$  could have multiple solutions  $y = y(x)$

Ex.  $y^2 = x^2 + 1$

$$\begin{cases} y_1(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \\ y_2(x) = -\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \end{cases}$$

Caution: Step 2 involves divisions by  $g(y)$

O.K. as long as  $g(y) \neq 0$

Root/solutions of  $g(y) = 0$  give

constant/equilibrium solutions  $y(x) = c$  for all  $x$  of

$$y' = f(x)g(y), \quad y = y(x)$$

Do not forget these!

Example 1: Find the general solution to

$$y' = x(y-2), \quad y = y(x)$$

Step 1:  $\frac{dy}{y-2} = x dx$

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

Step 3:  $\int \frac{dy}{y-2} = \int x dx \Leftrightarrow \ln|y-2| = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$

Can simplify in this case

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In  $|y-2| = x^2 + C \rightarrow |y-2| = e^{\frac{x^2}{2} + C} = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot e^C$   
 $C$  is any constant  $\Leftrightarrow A = e^C$  is any constant  $> 0$

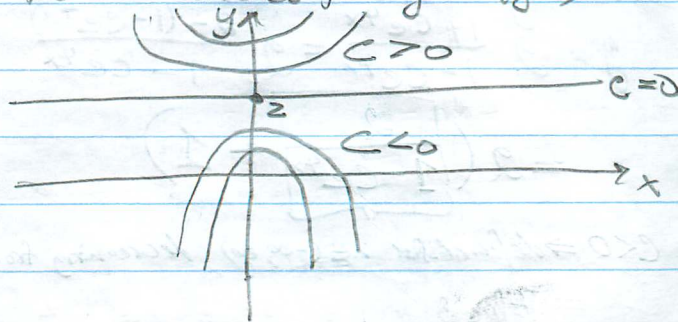
$|y-2| = A e^{x^2/2} \Leftrightarrow y-2 = \pm A e^{x^2/2} \Leftrightarrow y = 2 \pm A e^{x^2/2}$

Remember the Caution: find constant solutions separately

$y' = x(y-2) = 0$  for all  $x \Rightarrow y = 2 \Leftrightarrow A = 0$

$\therefore$  the general solution  $|y = 2 + C e^{x^2/2}$

Sketch of solution curves for  $y' = x(y-2)$



Example 2: Find the general solution to

$y' = y^2 - 4, y = y(x)$

Steps 1, 2:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 4 \rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2 - 4} = dx$

Step 3:  $\int \frac{dy}{y^2 - 4} = \int dx = \int 1 dx = x + C$

?  $\rightarrow$  partial fractions (8.4) (Appendix G)

$\therefore \int \frac{dy}{y^2 - 4} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \int \frac{dy}{y-2} - \int \frac{dy}{y+2} \right) = \frac{1}{4} (\ln |y-2| - \ln |y+2|) + C'$   
 $= \frac{1}{4} (\ln |y-2| - \ln |y+2|) + C' = \frac{1}{4} \ln \left| \frac{y-2}{y+2} \right| + C'$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \ln \left| \frac{y-2}{y+2} \right| = x + C \Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{y-2}{y+2} \right| = 4x + 4C$

$\left| \frac{y-2}{y+2} \right| = e^{4x+4C} = e^{4x} \cdot e^{4C} = A e^{4x}$

$C = \text{any constant} \Leftrightarrow A = e^{4C}$  any constant  $> 0$

$\therefore \frac{y-2}{y+2} = \pm A e^{4x}$  Simplify more!

Partial fractions: find  $A, B$  s.t.

$\frac{1}{y^2 - 4} = \frac{1}{(y-2)(y+2)} = \frac{A}{y-2} + \frac{B}{y+2}$

Quick PFS:  $\frac{1}{(y-2)(y+2)} = \frac{1}{+2-(-2)} \left( \frac{1}{y-2} - \frac{1}{y+2} \right)$   
do not cross

(Works only if coefficients of  $y$  are the same  
 Ex:  $(3y^2-2)(3y+2)$  o'k,  $(y-2)(3y+2)$  not o'k

$\frac{y+2-4}{y+2} = \pm A e^{4x} \rightarrow 1 - \frac{4}{y+2} = \pm A e^{4x}$

$\rightarrow 1 \mp A e^{4x} = \frac{4}{y+2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1 \mp A e^{4x}} = \frac{y+2}{4}$

$\therefore y = \frac{4}{1 \mp A e^{4x}} - 2 = \frac{2 \pm 2A e^{4x}}{1 \mp A e^{4x}}$

$= 2 \frac{1 + C e^{4x}}{1 - C e^{4x}} \quad C \neq 0$

To check: Compute  $y', y^2 - 4$  and compare

$\therefore$  the general solution of  $y' = y(y-2), y = y(x)$  is

$y = -2, \bar{y} = 2 \frac{1 + C e^{4x}}{1 - C e^{4x}} \quad C = \text{any constant}$

"the general solution" = the set of all solutions

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Remember the caution: check for constant solutions

$y' = y^2 - 4 = (y-2)(y+2) = 0$  for all  $x$

$\Rightarrow y = -2, 2$  are the constant solutions  
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 $C = 0$

Sketching solution curves:

$$y = 2 \frac{1 + ce^{4x}}{1 - ce^{4x}} = 2 \frac{2 - (1 - ce^{4x})}{1 - ce^{4x}}$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{2}{1 - ce^{4x}} - 1 \right)$$

$c < 0 \Rightarrow$  defined for  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , decreasing from 2 to 0

$c > 0$ :  $\frac{2}{1 - ce^{4x}}$  is defined for

$$1 \neq ce^{4x} \Leftrightarrow \ln 1 \neq \ln(ce^{4x}) = \ln c + \ln e^{4x}$$

$$0 \neq x \neq -\frac{1}{4} \ln c$$

$\therefore \frac{2}{1 - ce^{4x}}$  is defined for  $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{4} \ln c) \cup (-\frac{1}{4} \ln c, \infty)$   
 increasing from 2 to  $\infty$  from  $-\infty$  to 0

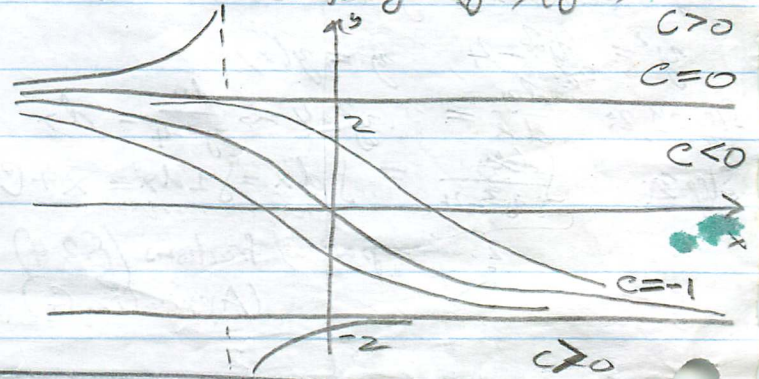
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$$\therefore y(x) = 2 \left( \frac{2}{1 - ce^{4x}} - 1 \right)$$

$c < 0$ : defined for  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , decreasing from 2 to -2

$c > 0$ : defined for  $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{4} \ln c)$ , increasing from 2 to  $\infty$   
 and  $x \in (-\frac{1}{4} \ln c, \infty)$ , increasing from  $-\infty$  to -2

Sketch of solution curves for  $y' = (y-2)(y+2)$



Invariant under shifts

can get directly by looking at the equation

Find solution with  $y(1) = 4$  Find C

$$y = 2 \frac{1 + ce^{4x}}{1 - ce^{4x}}$$

$$2 \cdot 4 = 2 \frac{1 + ce^4}{1 - ce^4}$$

$$2 \cdot 2 - ce^4 = 1 + ce^4 - 1 = 3ce^4$$

$$c = \frac{1}{3}e^{-4} = \frac{1}{3}e^{-4}$$

$$y = 2 \frac{1 + \frac{1}{3}e^{-4} \cdot e^{4x}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}e^{-4} \cdot e^{4x}} = \boxed{2 \frac{3 + e^{4x-4}}{3 - e^{4x-4}} = y}$$

check:  $y(1) = 2 \frac{3 + e^{4-4}}{3 - e^{4-4}} = 2 \cdot \frac{3+1}{3-1} = 4$