

# First order differential equations

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# Newton's second law of motion

**Quantities:** For an object of mass  $m$

- Force  $F$
- Velocity  $v(t)$  at time  $t$
- Displacement  $y = y(t)$

**Newton's law:**

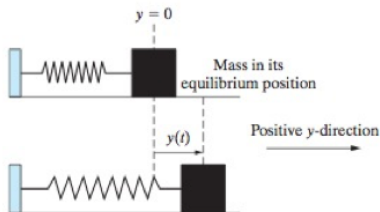
$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = F$$

**Differential equation:** Since  $v = \frac{dy}{dt}$ , we get

$$m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = F$$

# Spring force

Physical system: spring-mass with no friction



Hooke's law: The spring force is given by

$$F_s = -k y$$

# Second order differential equation

## Differential equation:

- Equation involving the derivatives of a function
- In particular the unknown is a function

## Equation for spring-mass system:

According to Newton's and Hooke's laws

$$m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -ky \quad (1)$$

## Second order differential equation (2)

Equation for spring-mass system (2): Set

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Then (1) is equivalent to

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \omega^2 y = 0.$$

Solution: Of the form

$$y(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \phi).$$

# Order of a differential equation

**Definition:** Order of a differential equation  
= Order of highest derivative appearing in equation

**Examples:**

- Second law of motion, spring: second order
- First order:  $y' = 4 - y^2$

**General form of  $n$ -th order differential equation:**

$$G(y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0 \quad (2)$$



# More vocabulary

**Linear equations:** of the form

$$a_0(x)y^{(n)} + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x)y = F(x)$$

**Initial value problem:** A differential equation

$$G(y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0,$$

plus initial values **in order to get a unique solution:**

$$y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y_1, \quad \dots, \quad y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_{n-1}$$

**General solution:** When no initial condition is specified

$\hookrightarrow$  Solution given in terms of constants  $c_1, \dots, c_n$

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# Simplest case of differential equation

**Equation:** The rhs does not depend on  $y$

$$y' = f(x)$$

**General solution:** For all  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

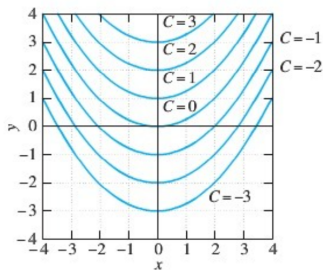
$$y(x) = \int f(x) dx + C$$

**Family of solutions:**

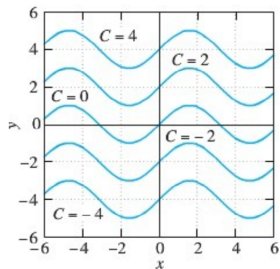
- We get a family indexed by  $C \in \mathbb{R}$
- Two solutions for  $C_1 \neq C_2$  are parallel

# Example of parallel curves

Illustration:



**FIGURE 1.2.1.** Graphs of  $y = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + C$  for various values of  $C$ .



**FIGURE 1.2.2.** Graphs of  $y = \sin x + C$  for various values of  $C$ .

# Example of direct integration (1)

Equation: We want to solve

$$y' = 2x + 3$$

## Example of direct integration (2)

General solution:

$$y = \int (2x + 3) dx = x^2 + 3x + C$$

# Initial value problem

Particular solution: given by specifying an initial data

$$y' = f(x), \quad \text{and} \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

Advantage:

An initial value problem yields a unique solution

# Example of initial value problem (1)

Equation: We want to solve

$$y' = 2x + 3, \quad \text{and} \quad y(1) = 2$$



## Example of initial value problem (2)

Unique solution: we get

$$y = \int (2x + 3) dx = x^2 + 3x - 2$$

# Lunar lander problem (1)

## Situation:

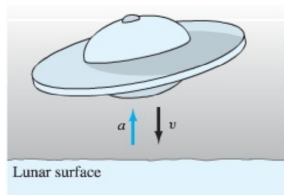
- Lunar lander falling freely at speed  $450\text{m/s}$
- Retrorockets provide deceleration of  $2.5\text{m/s}^2$

## Question:

At what height should we activate the retrorockets

↪ in order to ensure  $v = 0$  at the surface?

Solution



# Lunar lander problem (2)

Time origin: We set

- $t = 0$  when the retrorockets should be fired

Initial value problem: We want to solve

$$v' = 2.5, \quad \text{and} \quad v(0) = -450$$

Expression for  $v$ :

$$v(t) = 2.5t - 450$$

Time such that  $v = 0$ : We find

$$t = \frac{450}{2.5} = 180s$$

# Lunar lander problem (3)

Expression for  $x$ :

$$x(t) = \int v(t) dt = 1.25t^2 - 450t + x_0$$

Aim: We wish to have

$v = 0$  when  $x = 0$ , or otherwise stated  $x = 0$  for  $t = 180$

Solution: We find

$$x_0 = 40,500$$

# Swimmer's problem (1)

## Situation:

- River width parametrized by  $-a \leq x \leq a$
- Velocity of the water flow is vertical and satisfies

$$v_R = v_0 \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right)$$

- Swimmer starts from  $(-a, 0)$  with constant horizontal speed  $v_S$

## Question:

Find an equation for the function  $y(x)$  of the swimmer

Particular case:  $v_0 = 9\text{mi/h}$ ,  $v_S = 3\text{mi/h}$  and  $a = 1/2\text{mi}$

## Swimmer's problem (2)

Equation: We have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan(\alpha) = \frac{v_0}{v_S} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right)$$

Particular case: with  $v_0 = 9\text{mi/h}$ ,  $v_S = 3\text{mi/h}$  and  $a = 1/2\text{mi}$  we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \left( 1 - 4x^2 \right)$$

Thus

$$y(x) = 3x - 4x^3 + C$$

# Swimmer's problem (3)

Initial value problem: The initial condition is

$$y\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

Thus

$$y(x) = 3x - 4x^3 + 1$$

Downstream velocity at the end of the river:

$$y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2$$

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# Existence and uniqueness result

## Theorem 1.

General nonlinear equation:

$$y' = f(t, y), \quad y(t_0) = y_0 \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3)$$

Hypothesis:

- $(t_0, y_0) \in R$ , where  $R = (\alpha, \beta) \times (\gamma, \delta)$ .
- $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  continuous on  $R$ .

Conclusion:

One can find  $h > 0$  such that there exists a unique function  $y \hookrightarrow$  satisfying equation (3) on  $(t_0 - h, t_0 + h)$ .

# Example of existence and uniqueness (1)

Equation considered:

$$y' = 3x y^{1/3}, \quad \text{and} \quad y(0) = a.$$

# Example of existence and uniqueness (2)

Application of Theorem 1: we have

$$f(x, y) = 3xy^{1/3}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = xy^{-2/3}$$

Therefore if  $a \neq 0$ :

- ① There exists rectangle  $R$  such that
  - ▶  $(0, a) \in R$
  - ▶  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  continuous on  $R$
- ② According to Theorem 1 there is **unique solution** on interval  $(-h, h)$ , with  $h > 0$

# Second example of existence and uniqueness (1)

Equation considered:

$$y' = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y - 1)}, \quad \text{and} \quad y(0) = -1.$$

## Second example of existence and uniqueness (2)

Application of Theorem 1: we have

$$f(x, y) = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y - 1)}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = -\frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y - 1)^2}$$

Therefore:

- ① There exists rectangle  $R$  such that
  - ▶  $(0, -1) \in R$
  - ▶  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  continuous on  $R$
- ② According to Theorem 1 there is **unique solution** on interval  $(-h, h)$ , with  $h > 0$

## Second example of existence and uniqueness (3)

Comparison with explicit solution: We will see that

$$y = 1 - \left( (x+2)(x^2+2) \right)^{1/2}$$

Interval of definition:  $x \in (-2, \infty)$

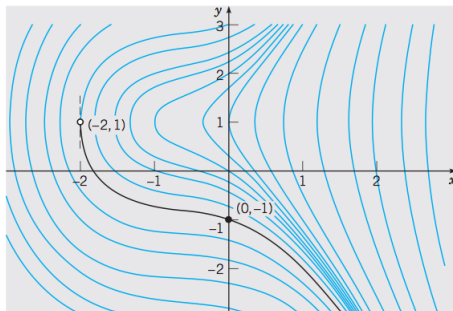
$\hookrightarrow$  much larger than predicted by Theorem 1

Changing initial condition: consider  $y(0) = 1$ , on line  $y = 1$ . Then:

- ① Theorem 1: nothing about possible solutions
- ② Direct integration:
  - ▶ We find  $y = 1 \pm (x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x)^{1/2}$
  - ▶ 2 possible solutions defined for  $x > 0$

## Second example of existence and uniqueness (3)

Interval of definition on integral curves:



Comments:

- Interval of definition delimited by vertical tangents

# Example with non-uniqueness (1)

Equation considered:

$$y' = y^{1/3}, \quad \text{and} \quad y(0) = 0.$$

Application of Theorem 1:  $f(y) = y^{1/3}$ . Hence,

- $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}^*$
- Theorem 1: gives existence, not uniqueness

Solving the problem: Separable equation, thus

- General solution: for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y = \left[ \frac{2}{3}(t + c) \right]^{3/2}$
- With initial condition  $y(0) = 0$ ,

$$y = \left( \frac{2t}{3} \right)^{3/2}$$



## Example with non-uniqueness (2)

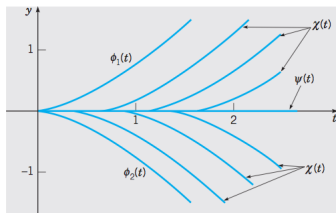
3 solutions to the equation:

$$\phi_1(t) = \left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)^{3/2}, \quad \phi_2(t) = -\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)^{3/2}, \quad \psi(t) = 0.$$

Family of solutions: For any  $t_0 \geq 0$ ,

$$\chi(t) = \chi_{t_0}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq t < t_0 \\ \pm \left(\frac{2(t-t_0)}{3}\right)^{3/2} & \text{for } t \geq t_0 \end{cases}$$

Integral curves:



# Slope field for a gravity equation (1)

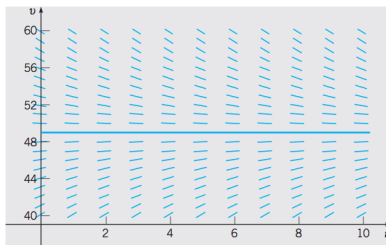
Gravity equation with friction

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - \frac{v}{5} \quad (4)$$

# Slope field for a gravity equation (2)

Meaning of the graph:

↪ Values of  $\frac{dv}{dt}$  according to values of  $v$



# Slope field for a gravity equation (3)

What can be seen on the graph:

- Critical value:  $v_c = 49\text{ms}^{-1}$ , solution to  $9.8 - \frac{v}{5} = 0$
- If  $v < v_c$ : positive slope
- If  $v > v_c$ : negative slope

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# General form of separable equation

General form of first order differential equation:

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

## Definition 2.

A first order **separable** differential equation is of the form

$$h(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad h(y) dy = g(x) dx \quad (5)$$

Solving separable equations:

Integrate on both sides of (5).

# Example of separable equation (1)

Equation:

$$(1 + y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cos(x)$$

## Example of separable equation (2)

General solution: After integration by parts

$$y^3 + 3y = 3(x \sin(x) + \cos(x)) + c,$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

Remark: Solution given in implicit form.



## Example 2 of separable equation

Equation:

$$x \, dx + y \exp(-x) \, dy = 0, \quad y(0) = 1$$

Unique solution:

$$y(x) = (2 \exp(x) - 2x \exp(x) - 1)^{1/2}$$

Remark:

Radical vanishes for  $x_1 \simeq -1.7$  and  $x_2 \simeq 0.77$

## Example 3 of separable equation (1)

Equation considered:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{1 - y^2} \iff -x^2 + (1 - y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0. \quad (6)$$

## Example 3 of separable equation (2)

Chain rule:

$$\frac{df(y)}{dx} = f'(y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Application of chain rule:

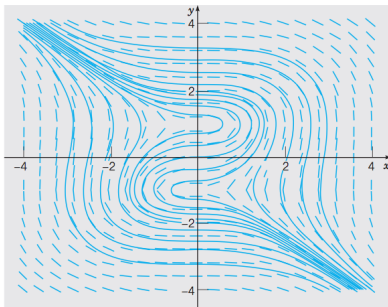
$$(1 - y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( y - \frac{y^3}{3} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x^3}{3} \right)$$

## Example 3 of separable equation (3)

Equation for integral curves: We have, for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(6) \iff \frac{d}{dx} \left( -\frac{x^3}{3} + y - \frac{y^3}{3} \right) = 0 \iff -x^3 + 3y - y^3 = c$$

Some integral curves obtained by approximation:



# General solution for separable equations

## Proposition 3.

Equation considered:

$$M(x) + N(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0. \quad (7)$$

**Antiderivatives:** let  $H_1, H_2$  such that

$$H_1'(x) = M(x) \quad \text{and} \quad H_2'(y) = N(y).$$

Then general solution to (7) is given by:

$$H_1(x) + H_2(y) = c,$$

with  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Solvable example of separable equation (1)

Equation considered:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y - 1)}, \quad \text{and} \quad y(0) = -1. \quad (8)$$

## Solvable example of separable equation (2)

Integration: for a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(8) \quad &\Longleftrightarrow 2(y-1) dy = (3x^2 + 4x + 2) dx \\ &\Longleftrightarrow y^2 - 2y = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + c\end{aligned}$$

Solving the equation: if  $y(0) = -1$ , we have  $c = 3$  and

$$y = 1 \pm (x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 4)^{1/2}$$

# Solvable example of separable equation (3)

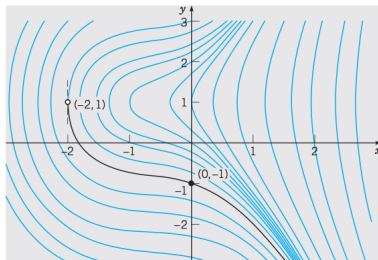
**Determination of sign:** Using  $y(0) = -1$  again, we get

$$y = 1 - (x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 4)^{1/2} = 1 - ((x+2)(x^2+2))^{1/2}$$

**Interval of definition:**  $x \in (-2, \infty)$

↪ boundary corresponds to vertical tangent on graph below

**Integral curves:**





# Example of equation with implicit solution (1)

Equation considered:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x - x^3}{4 + y^3}.$$

General solution: for a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

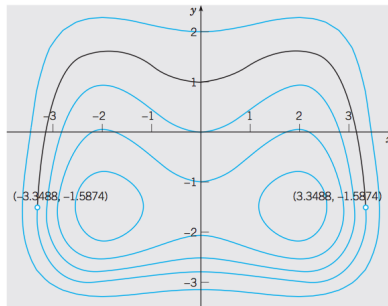
$$y^4 + 16y + x^4 - 8x^2 = c$$

Initial value problem: if  $y(0) = 1$ , we get

$$y^4 + 16y + x^4 - 8x^2 = 17$$

# Example of equation with implicit solution (2)

Integral curves:



Interval of definition:

↪ boundary corresponds to vertical tangent on graph

# Cooling cup example

## Description of experiment:

- Cup of coffee cooling in a room

## Notation:

- $T(t) \equiv$  temperature of cup
- $\tau \equiv$  temperature of room

## Newton's law for thermic exchange:

Variations of temperature proportional to difference between  $T$  and  $\tau$

## Equation:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - \tau), \quad T(0) = T_0.$$

# Malthusian growth

## Hypothesis:

Rate of change proportional to value of population

Equation: for  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_0 \geq 0$ ,

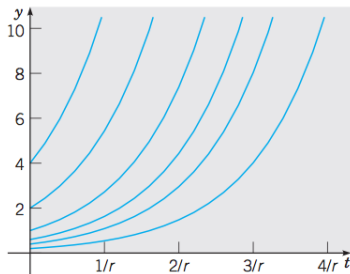
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k P, \quad P(0) = P_0$$

## Solution:

$$P = P_0 \exp(kt)$$

# Exponential growth (2)

Integral curves:



Limitation of model:

- Cannot be valid for large time  $t$ .

# Logistic population model

## Basic idea:

- Growth rate decreases when population increases.

## Model:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = r \left( 1 - \frac{P}{C} \right) P, \quad (9)$$

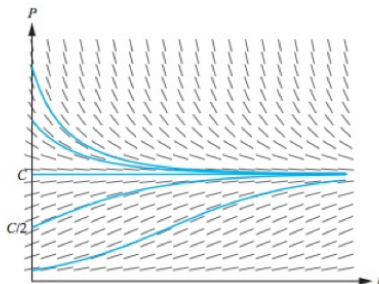
where

- $r \equiv$  reproduction rate
- $C \equiv$  carrying capacity

# Logistic model: qualitative study

## Information from slope field:

- Equilibrium at  $P = C$
- If  $P < C$  then  $t \mapsto P$  increasing
- If  $P > C$  then  $t \mapsto P$  decreasing
- Possibility of convexity analysis



# Logistic model: solution

First observation: Equation (9) is separable

Integration: Integrating on both sides of (9) we get

$$\ln \left( \left| \frac{P}{C - P} \right| \right) = rt + c_1$$

which can be solved as:

$$P(t) = \frac{c_2 C}{c_2 + e^{-rt}}$$

Initial value problem: If  $P_0$  is given we obtain

$$P(t) = \frac{C P_0}{P_0 + (C - P_0)e^{-rt}}$$



# Information obtained from the resolution

Asymptotic behavior:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = C$$

Prediction: If

- Logistic model is accurate
- $P_0$ ,  $r$  and  $C$  are known

Then we know the value of  $P$  at any time  $t$

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# General form of 1st order linear equation

General form 1:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = g(t)$$

General form 2:

$$P(t)\frac{dy}{dt} + Q(t)y = G(t)$$

Remark:

2 forms are equivalent if  $P(t) \neq 0$

# Example with direct integration

Equation:

$$(4 + t^2) \frac{dy}{dt} + 2t y = 4t$$

Equivalent form:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ (4 + t^2) y \right] = 4t$$

General solution: For a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$y = \frac{2t^2 + c}{4 + t^2}$$

# Method of integrating factor

General equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = g(t) \quad (10)$$

Recipe for the method:

- 1 Consider equation (10)
- 2 Multiply the equation by a function  $\mu$
- 3 Try to choose  $\mu$  such that equation (10) is reduced to:

$$\frac{d(\mu y)}{dt} = a(t) \quad (11)$$

- 4 Integrate directly equation (11)

**Notation:** If previous recipe works,  $\mu$  is called **integrating factor**

# Example of integrating factor (1)

Equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{1}{2}e^{t/3} \quad (12)$$

## Example of integrating factor (2)

Multiplication by  $\mu$ :

$$\mu(t) \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \mu(t) y = \frac{1}{2} \mu(t) e^{t/3}$$

**Integrating factor:** Choose  $\mu$  such that  $\mu' = \frac{1}{2} \mu$ , i.e  $\mu(t) = e^{t/2}$

**Solving the equation:** We have, for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

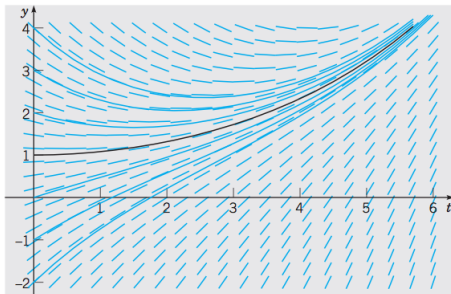
$$\begin{aligned} (12) \quad &\Longleftrightarrow \frac{d(e^{t/2}y)}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{5t}{6}} \\ &\Longleftrightarrow y(t) = \frac{3}{5} e^{\frac{t}{3}} + c e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

## Example of integrating factor (3)

Solution for a given initial data: If we know  $y(0) = 1$ , then

$$y(t) = \frac{3}{5} e^{\frac{t}{3}} + \frac{2}{5} e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

Direction fields and integral curves:





# General case with constant coefficient

## Proposition 4.

Equation considered:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + ay = g(t), \quad \text{and} \quad y(t_0) = y_0. \quad (13)$$

Hypothesis:

$$a \in \mathbb{R}, \quad g : \mathbb{R}_+ \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous.}$$

Then general solution to (13) is given by:

$$y(t) = e^{-at} \int_{t_0}^t e^{as} g(s) ds + c e^{-at}.$$

with  $t_0 \geq 0$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Example with exponential growth

Equation:

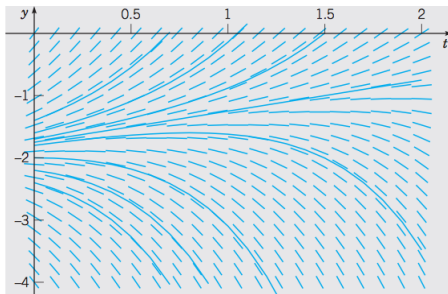
$$\frac{dy}{dt} - 2y = 4 - t$$

## Example with exponential growth (2)

General solution: for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$y(t) = -\frac{7}{4} + \frac{t}{2} + c e^{2t}$$

Direction fields and integral curves:



# General first order linear case

## Proposition 5.

Equation considered:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = g(t), \quad (14)$$

Integrating factor:

$$\mu(t) = \exp \left( \int p(r) dr \right).$$

Then general solution to (14) is given by:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t \mu(s) g(s) ds + c \right].$$

with  $t_0 \geq 0$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Example with unbounded $p$ (1)

Equation considered:

$$t y' + 2y = 4t^2, \quad y(1) = 2. \quad (15)$$

## Example with unbounded $p$ (2)

Equivalent form:

$$y' + \frac{2}{t}y = 4t, \quad y(1) = 2.$$

Integrating factor:

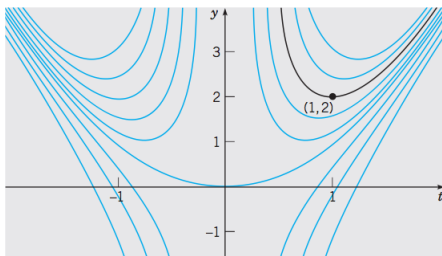
$$\mu(t) = t^2.$$

Solution:

$$y(t) = t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} \quad (16)$$

## Example with unbounded $p$ (2)

Some integral curves:



Comments:

- ① Example of solution which is not defined for all  $t \geq 0$
- ② Due to singularity of  $t \mapsto \frac{1}{t}$
- ③ Integral curves for  $t < 0$ : not part of initial value problem
- ④ According to value of  $y(1)$ , different asymptotics as  $t \rightarrow 0$
- ⑤ Boundary between 2 behaviors: function  $y(t) = t^2$

# Example with no analytic solution (1)

Equation considered:

$$2y' + t y = 2.$$



## Example with no analytic solution (2)

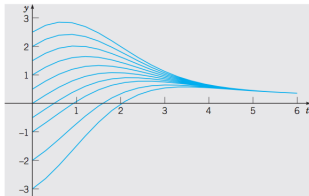
Integrating factor:

$$\mu(t) = \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{4}\right).$$

General solution:

$$y(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{4}\right) \int_0^t \exp\left(\frac{s^2}{4}\right) ds + c \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{4}\right).$$

Some integral curves obtained by approximation:



# Existence and uniqueness: linear case

## Theorem 6.

General linear equation:

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0 \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (17)$$

Hypothesis:

- $t_0 \in I$ , where  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$ .
- $p$  and  $g$  continuous on  $I$ .

Conclusion:

There exists a unique function  $y$  satisfying equation (17) on  $I$ .

Remark: According to Theorem

↪ Solution fails to exist only when  $p$  or  $g$  are discontinuous

# Maximal interval in a linear case

Equation considered: back to equation (15), namely

$$t y' + 2y = 4t^2, \quad y(1) = 2.$$

Equivalent form:

$$y' + \frac{2}{t} y = 4t, \quad y(1) = 2.$$

Application of Theorem 6:

- $g(t) = 4t$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$
- $p(t) = \frac{2}{t}$  continuous on  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  only
- $1 \in (0, \infty)$

We thus get unique solution on  $(0, \infty)$

## Maximal interval in a linear case (2)

Comparison with explicit solution: We have seen (cf (16)) that

$$y' + \frac{2}{t}y = 4t, \quad y(1) = 2 \quad \implies \quad y(t) = t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}.$$

This is defined on  $(0, \infty)$  as predicted by Theorem 6.

Changing initial condition: consider

$$y' + \frac{2}{t}y = 4t, \quad y(-1) = 2.$$

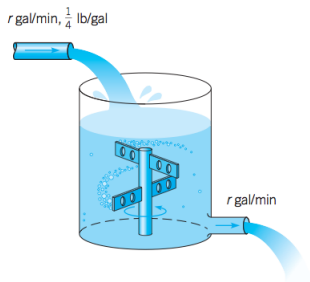
Then:

- Solution defined on  $(-\infty, 0)$
- On  $(-\infty, 0)$  we have  $y(t) = t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}$ .

# Salt concentration example

## Description of experiment:

- At  $t = 0$ ,  $Q_0$  lb of salt dissolved in 100 gal of water
- Water containing  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb salt/gal entering, with rate  $r$  gal/min
- Well-stirred mixture draining from tank, rate  $r$



## Salt concentration example (2)

**Notation:**  $Q(t) \equiv$  quantity of salt at time  $t$

**Hypothesis:** Variations of  $Q$  due to flows in and out,

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \text{rate in} - \text{rate out}$$

**Equation:**

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{r}{4} - \frac{rQ}{100}, \quad Q(0) = Q_0$$

**Equation, standard form:**

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{r}{100} Q = \frac{r}{4}, \quad Q(0) = Q_0$$

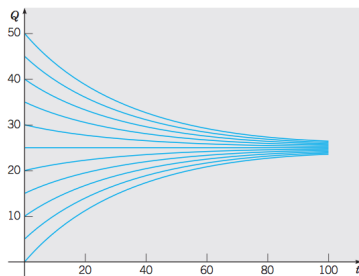
# Salt concentration example (3)

Integrating factor:  $\mu(t) = e^{\frac{rt}{100}}$

Solution:

$$Q(t) = 25 + (Q_0 - 25) e^{-\frac{rt}{100}}$$

Integral curves:



## Salt concentration example (4)

Expression for  $Q$ :

$$Q(t) = 25 + (Q_0 - 25) e^{-\frac{rt}{100}}$$

**Question:** time to reach  $q \in (Q_0, 25)$ ?

**Answer:** We find

$$Q(t) = q \iff t = \frac{100}{r} \ln \left( \frac{Q_0 - 25}{q - 25} \right)$$

**Application:** If  $r = 3$ ,  $Q_0 = 50$  and  $q = 25.5$ , then:

$$t = 130.4 \text{ min}$$

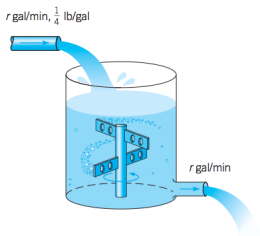


# Chemical pollution example

## Description of experiment:

- At  $t = 0$ ,  $10^7$  gal of fresh water
- Water containing unwanted chemical component entering  
→ with rate  $5 \cdot 10^6$  gal/year
- Water flows out, same rate  $5 \cdot 10^6$  gal/year
- Concentration of chemical in incoming water:

$$\gamma(t) = 2 + \sin(2t) \text{ g/gal}$$



## Chemical pollution example (2)

**Notation:**  $Q(t) \equiv$  quantity of chemical comp. at time  $t$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  measured in grams

**Remark:** Volume is constant

**Hypothesis:** Variations of  $Q$  due to flows in and out,

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \text{rate in} - \text{rate out}$$

**Equation:**

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = 5 \cdot 10^6 \gamma(t) - 5 \cdot 10^6 \cdot \frac{Q}{10^7}, \quad Q(0) = 0$$

# Chemical pollution example (3)

Equation, standard form: We set  $Q = 10^6 q$  and get

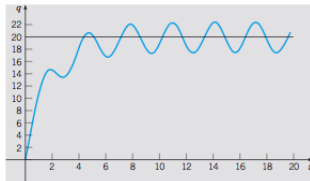
$$\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}q = 10 + 5\sin(2t), \quad q(0) = 0$$

Integrating factor:  $\mu(t) = e^{\frac{t}{2}}$

Solution:

$$q(t) = 20 - \frac{40}{17}\cos(2t) + \frac{10}{17}\sin(2t) - \frac{300}{17}e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$$

Integral curve:



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# General form of homogeneous equation

General form of first order equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad (18)$$

General form of homogeneous equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

How to see if an equation is homogeneous: When in (18) we have

$$f(tx, ty) = f(x, y)$$

Heuristics to solve homogeneous equations:

- Go back to a separable equation

# Solving homogeneous equations

Equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right). \quad (19)$$

General method:

- 1 Set  $y(x) = x V(x)$ , and express  $y'$  in terms of  $x$ ,  $V$ ,  $V'$ .
- 2 Replace in equation (19)  $\rightarrow$  separable equation in  $V$ .
- 3 Solve the separable equation in  $V$ .
- 4 Go back to  $y$  recalling  $y = x V$ .

## Theorem 7.

For equation (19), the function  $V$  satisfies

$$\frac{1}{F(V) - V} dV = \frac{1}{x} dx,$$

which is a separable equation

# Example of homogeneous equation (1)

Equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x + y}{x - 4y}$$



## Example of homogeneous equation (2)

Equation for  $V$ :

$$\frac{1 - 4V}{4(1 + V^2)} dV = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

Solution for  $V$ :

$$\frac{1}{4} \arctan(V) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1 + V^2) = \ln(|x|) + c_1$$

Solution for  $y$ :

$$\frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \ln(x^2 + y^2) = c_2 \quad (20)$$

## Example of homogeneous equation (3)

Polar coordinates: Set

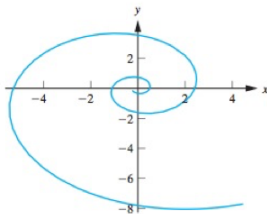
$$x = r \cos(\theta), \quad \text{and} \quad y = r \sin(\theta)$$

that is

$$r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Solution in polar coordinates: Equation (20) becomes

$$r = c_3 e^{\frac{\theta}{4}}$$



# Another example of homogeneous equation (1)

Equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y - 4x}{x - y}$$

## Another example of homogeneous equation (2)

Equation for  $V$ :

$$\frac{1 - V}{V^2 - 4} \frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Solution for the  $V$  equation: for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

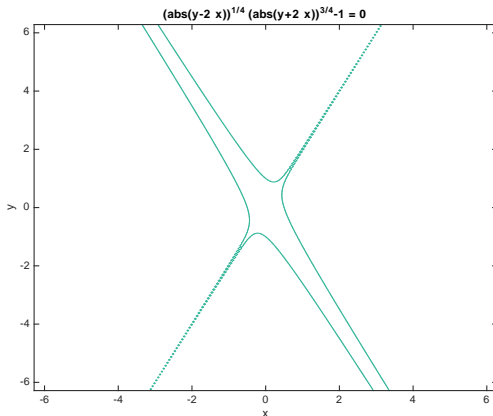
$$|V - 2|^{1/4} |V + 2|^{3/4} = \frac{c}{|x|}$$

# Another example of homogeneous equation (3)

Solution for the  $y$  equation: for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|y - 2x|^{1/4} |y + 2x|^{3/4} = c$$

Graph for the implicit equation: observe symmetry w.r.t origin



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# Jacob Bernoulli

## Some facts about Bernoulli:

- Lifespan: 1654-1705, in Switzerland
- Discovers constant  $e$
- Establishes divergence of  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$
- Contributions in diff. eq
- Bernoulli:  
family of 8 prominent mathematicians
- Fierce math fights between brothers



# Bernoulli equations

## Definition 8.

A Bernoulli equation is of the form

$$y' + p(x)y = q(x)y^n \quad (21)$$

Recipe to solve a Bernoulli equation:

- 1 Divide equation (21) by  $y^n$
- 2 Change of variable:  $u = y^{1-n}$
- 3 The equation for  $u$  is a linear equation of the form

$$\frac{1}{1-n}u' + p(x)u = q(x)$$



# Example of Bernoulli equation (1)

Equation:

$$y' + \frac{3}{x}y = \frac{12y^{2/3}}{(1+x^2)^{1/2}}$$

## Example of Bernoulli equation (2)

Solution:

- ① Divide the equation by  $y^{2/3}$ . We get

$$y^{-2/3}y' + \frac{3}{x}y^{1/3} = \frac{12}{(1+x^2)^{1/2}}$$

- ② Change of variable  $u = y^{1/3}$ . We end up with the linear equation

$$u' + \frac{1}{x}u = \frac{4}{(1+x^2)^{1/2}}$$

## Example of Bernoulli equation (3)

Solving the linear equation: Integrating factor given by

$$\mu(x) = x$$

Then integrating we get

$$u(x) = x^{-1} \left( 4(1 + x^2)^{1/2} + c \right)$$

Going back to  $y$ : We have  $u = y^{1/3}$ . Thus

$$y(x) = x^{-3} \left( 4(1 + x^2)^{1/2} + c \right)^3$$

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# Example of exact equation

Equation considered:

$$2x + y^2 + 2xyy' = 0 \quad (22)$$

**Remark:** equation (22) neither linear nor separable

**Additional function:** Set  $\phi(x, y) = x^2 + xy^2$ . Then:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2x + y^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = xy.$$

## Example of exact equation (2)

Expression of (22) in terms of  $\phi$ : we have

$$(22) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

Solving the equation: We assume  $y = y(x)$ . Then

$$(22) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{d\phi}{dx}(x, y) = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \phi(x, y) = c,$$

for a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Conclusion: equation solved under implicit form

$$x^2 + xy^2 = c.$$

# Recall: separable equations

## Proposition 9.

Equation considered:

$$M(x) dx + N(y) dy = 0. \quad (23)$$

Antiderivatives: let  $H_1, H_2$  such that

$$H_1'(x) = M(x) \quad \text{and} \quad H_2'(y) = N(y).$$

Then general solution to (23) is given by:

$$H_1(x) + H_2(y) = c,$$

with  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# General exact equation

## Proposition 10.

Equation considered:

$$M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0. \quad (24)$$

Hypothesis: there exists  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = M(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = N(x, y).$$

Conclusion: general solution to (24) is given by:

$$\phi(x, y) = c, \quad \text{with} \quad c \in \mathbb{R},$$

provided this relation defines  $y = y(x)$  implicitly.



# Criterion for exact equations

**Notation:** For  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , set  $f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  and  $f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

## Theorem 11.

Let:

- $R = \{(x, y); \alpha < x < \beta, \text{ and } \gamma < y < \delta\}$ .
- $M, N, M_y, N_x$  continuous on  $R$ .

Then there exists  $\phi$  such that:

$$\phi_x = M, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_y = N \quad \text{on } R,$$

if and only if  $M$  and  $N$  satisfy:

$$M_y = N_x \quad \text{on } R$$

# Computation of function $\phi$

**Aim:** If  $M_y = N_x$ , find  $\phi$  such that  $\phi_x = M$  and  $\phi_y = N$ .

**Recipe in order to get  $\phi$ :**

- 1 Write  $\phi$  as antiderivative of  $M$  with respect to  $x$ :

$$\phi(x, y) = a(x, y) + h(y), \quad \text{where} \quad a(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx$$

- 2 Get an equation for  $h$  by differentiating with respect to  $y$ :

$$h'(y) = N(x, y) - a_y(x, y)$$

- 3 Finally we get:

$$\phi(x, y) = a(x, y) + h(y).$$

# Computation of $\phi$ : example (1)

Equation considered:

$$\underbrace{y \cos(x) + 2xe^y}_M + \underbrace{(\sin(x) + x^2 e^y - 1)}_N y' = 0. \quad (25)$$

# Computation of $\phi$ : example (2)

Step 1: verify that  $M_y = N_x$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Step 2: compute  $\phi$  according to recipe. We find

$$\phi(x, y) = y \sin(x) + x^2 e^y - y$$

Solution to equation (25):

$$y \sin(x) + x^2 e^y - y = c.$$

# Computation of $\phi$ : counter-example

Equation considered:

$$\underbrace{3xy + y^2}_M + \underbrace{(x^2 + xy)}_N y' = 0. \quad (26)$$

Step 1: verify that  $M_y \neq N_x$ .

Step 2: compute  $\phi$  according to recipe. We find

$$h'(y) = -\frac{x^2}{2} - xy \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{still depends on } x!$$

Conclusion: Condition  $M_y = N_x$  necessary.

# Solving an exact equation: example

Equation considered:

$$\underbrace{2x - y}_M + \underbrace{(2y - x)}_N y' = 0, \quad y(1) = 3. \quad (27)$$

Step 1: verify that  $M_y = N_x$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Step 2: compute  $\phi$  according to recipe. We find

$$\phi(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2.$$

Solution to equation (27): recalling  $y(1) = 3$ , we get

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 = 7.$$

## Solving an exact equation: example (2)

Expressing  $y$  in terms of  $x$ : we get

$$y = \frac{x}{2} \pm \left(7 - \frac{3x^2}{4}\right)^{1/2}.$$

Recalling  $y(1) = 3$ , we end up with:

$$y = \frac{x}{2} + \left(7 - \frac{3x^2}{4}\right)^{1/2}.$$

Interval of definition:

$$x \in \left(-2\sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}; 2\sqrt{\frac{7}{4}}\right) \simeq (-3.05; 3.05)$$

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# Objective

General 2nd order differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = F\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

**Aim:** See cases of 2nd order differential equations  
↪ which can be solved with 1st order techniques

## 2nd order eq. with missing dependent variable

Case 1: Equation of the form

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = F\left(x, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

Method for case 1: the function  $v = y'$  solves

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = F(x, v).$$

Then compute  $y = \int v(x) dx$ .

# Example (1)

Equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{x} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 \cos(x) \right), \quad x > 0.$$

## Example (2)

Change of variable:  $v = y'$  solves the linear equation

$$v' - x^{-1}v = x \cos(x)$$

Integrating factor:

$$I(x) = \exp\left(-\int x^{-1} dx\right) = x^{-1}$$

Solving for  $v$ :

$$v = x \sin(x) + cx$$

Solving for  $y$ :

$$y = \int v = -x \cos(x) + \sin(x) + c_1 x^2 + c_2$$

## 2nd order eq. with missing independent variable

Case 2: Equation of the form

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = F\left(y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

Method for case 2: We set  $v = \frac{dy}{dx}$ . Then observe that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = v \frac{dv}{dy}$$

Thus  $v$  solves the 1st order equation

$$v \frac{dv}{dy} = F(y, v).$$

# Example(1)

Equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{2}{1-y} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2.$$

## Example (2)

Change of variable:  $v = y'$  solves the 1st order separable equation

$$v \frac{dv}{dy} = -\frac{2}{1-y} v^2$$

Solving for  $v$ :

$$v(y) = c_1(1-y)^2$$

## Example (3)

Separable equation for  $y$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = c_1(1 - y)^2$$

Solving for  $y$ :

$$y = \frac{c_1x + (c_2 - 1)}{c_1x + c_2}$$



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Type	Standard form	Technique
Separable	$p(y)y' = q(x)$	Separate variables and integrate
Linear	$y' + p(x)y = q(x)$	Integrating factor $\mu = e^{\int p(x)dx}$
Homog.	$y' = f(x, y)$ where $f(tx, ty) = f(x, y)$	Set $y = xv$ $v$ solves separable equation
Bernoulli	$y' + p(x)y = q(x)y^n$	Divide by $y^n$ , set $u = y^{1-n}$ $u$ solves linear equation
Exact	$M dx + N dy = 0$ with $M_y = N_x$	Solution $\phi(x, y) = c$ , where $\phi$ integral of $M$ and $N$

# Example (1)

Equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{8x^5 + 3y^4}{4xy^3}$$

## Example (2)

Type of method:

- Not separable, not homogeneous, not linear
- Bernoulli, under the form

$$y' + \frac{3}{4x}y = -2x^4y^{-3}$$

- Not exact under the form

$$\underbrace{(8x^5 + 3y^4)}_M dx + \underbrace{4xy^3}_N dy$$