

Recall: How to solve a first order linear ODE

① Find the standard form

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t)$$

② Find the integrating factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt}$$

③ Find the general solution

$$y(t) = \frac{\int \mu(t) g(t) dt + C}{\mu(t)}$$

In general, for nonlinear ODE, we don't know how to solve.

Only some special types can be solved.

Separable ODE: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)g(x)$

It can be solved by first separating the variables then integrating both sides

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

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{f(y)} = \int g(x) dx.$$

Example 1: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x - x}{e^{-y} + y}$

$$(e^{-y} + y) dy = (e^x - x) dx$$

$$\int (e^{-y} + y) dy = -e^{-y} + \frac{1}{2} y^2 = \int (e^x - x) dx = e^x - \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C$$

$$-e^{-y} + \frac{1}{2} y^2 = e^x - \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C \quad \text{Implicit solution.}$$

Example 2: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + \sin x}{y}, \quad y(0) = 1$

$$y dy = (x^2 + \sin x) dx.$$

$$\frac{1}{2} y^2 = \frac{1}{3} x^3 - \cos x + C. \quad (\text{Implicit sol'n})$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0 - 1 + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{3}{2}$$

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

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} x^3 - 2 \cos x + 3} \quad \sqrt{*} > 0$$

b/c $y(0) = 1 > 0$, y cannot be negative

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} x^3 - 2 \cos x + 3} \quad \text{Explicit solution}$$

General Principle of Implicit soln & Explicit soln

* If you're asked to find **general solution**, then implicit solution is sufficient.

* If you're asked to **solve an IVP**, you should try to get explicit solution whenever possible.

Example 3: $y' = xy^3(1+x^2)^{-1/2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^3 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^3} = \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^3} = \int y^{-3} dy = \frac{1}{-3+1} y^{-3+1} \quad \int x^p dx = \frac{1}{p+1} x^{p+1} + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} y^{-2} = -\frac{1}{2y^2}$$

$$\int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \cdot \frac{u=1+x^2}{du=2x dx} \quad \int \frac{\frac{1}{2} du}{\sqrt{u}} = \frac{1}{2} \int u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}+1} u^{-\frac{1}{2}+1} + C$$

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

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

$$\text{Example 3: } y' = xy^3(1+x^2)^{-1/2} \quad y(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (-\frac{1}{4})$$

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

$$-\frac{1}{2 \times \frac{1}{2^3}} = \sqrt{1+3} + C \Rightarrow -2 = 2 + C \Rightarrow C = -4$$

(-8) (-10)

$$-\frac{1}{2y^3} = \sqrt{1+x^2} - 4$$

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

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{8 - 2\sqrt{1+x^2}}}$$

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$$y(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{1}{2} > 0. \text{ Can't be neg.}$$

↳ $(-\frac{1}{4} < 0)$

Remark 1: \pm branch is not seen in the implicit solution

Remark 2: The **interval of existence**. (meaning the interval where the solution makes sense) is not seen in the implicit solution.

For the example above, $y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{8 - 2\sqrt{1+x^2}}}$ make sense when

$$8 - 2\sqrt{1+x^2} > 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow 4 > \sqrt{1+x^2} \Rightarrow 16 > 1+x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 < 15$$

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$\sqrt{f(x)}$ makes sense
when $f(x) \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{15} < x < \sqrt{15}$$

Review quadratic inequalities.

The interval of existence is $(-\sqrt{15}, \sqrt{15})$

Remark 3: For general solutions, the branch and the interval of existence makes no sense, b/c they depend on the choice of initial values. This is why implicit solution is enough.

Remark 4: Nevertheless, it's not always possible to find explicit solutions.

Existence & Uniqueness Theorem.

Motivating Example: $ty' + (t-1)y = -e^{-t}$, $y(0) = 1$

Std. form: $y' + \frac{t-1}{t}y = -\frac{e^{-t}}{t}$ $y(0) = 0$

Int. factor: $\mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{t-1}{t} dt}$

$$\int \frac{t-1}{t} dt = \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{t}\right) dt = t - \ln|t|$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{t - \ln|t|} \neq e^t - e^{\ln t}$$

$$= e^t \cdot e^{-\ln|t|}$$

$$= e^t \cdot \frac{1}{t} = \frac{e^t}{t}$$

abuse of algebra

$$e^{a+b} = e^a \cdot e^b \quad e^{a-b} = e^{a+(-b)} \\ = e^a \cdot e^{-b} \\ = \frac{e^a}{e^b}$$

Gen. sol'n:
$$y(t) = \frac{\int \frac{e^t}{t} \cdot \left(-\frac{e^{-t}}{t}\right) dt}{\frac{e^t}{t}} = \frac{t}{e^t} \cdot \int -\frac{1}{t^2} dt$$

$$= \frac{t}{e^t} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{t} + C\right) = \frac{1}{e^t} + C \frac{t}{e^t} = e^{-t} + Cte^{-t}$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = e^0 + C \cdot 0 \cdot e^0 \Rightarrow 1 = 1$$

This means arbitrary C satisfies the initial condition

In this case, the IVP has infinitely solutions .

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = e^0 + C \cdot 0 \cdot e^0 \Rightarrow 0 = 1 \text{ impossible!}$$

This means no C can satisfy the initial condition

In this case, the IVP has no sol'n.

Summary: An IVP might not have solns. Also an IVP might have more than one sol'n. This happens when the IVP is pathologically posed.

Question: Is there any way to determine if an IVP is reasonably formulated.

Ans: YES.

Existence & Uniqueness Thm: linear version.

For the first order linear ODE in std. form w/ init. val.

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

- If
- ① Both $p(t)$ and $g(t)$ are **continuous** in an ^{open} interval (a, b)
 - ② The open interval contains t_0 , i.e. $a < t_0 < b$

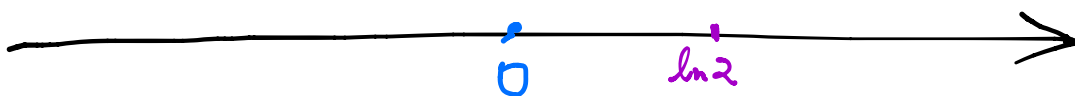
Then there **exists** a **unique** function $y = y(t)$ **over the interval** (a, b) that solves the IVP.

This theorem allows us to **determine** the interval of existence **before** solving the IVP.

Example 1: $ty' + (t-1)y = -e^{-t}$, $y(\ln 2) = \frac{1}{2}$

Std. form $y' + \frac{t-1}{t}y = -\frac{e^{-t}}{t}$

blows up at $t=0$. singular point



$\ln 2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ Interval of existence $(0, \infty)$

Rmk: The sol'n to the IVP is $y = e^{-t}$, exists everywhere
However, this doesn't change the fact that $t=0$ is singular.

we don't want to worry about the existence near a singular pt.
The interval of existence obtained in this way is good enough.

General Steps:

1. Find the std. form.
2. Locate singular points (where $p(t)$ or $q(t)$ is not continuous)
3. Plot all singular points on the real line to get a bunch of intervals
4. Pick the interval where t_0 lies in.

Example 2: $(t-3)y' + (\ln t)y = 2t$. $y(1) = 2$

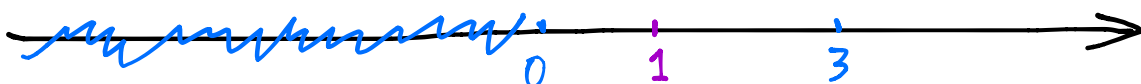
Std. form: $y' + \frac{\ln t}{t-3} y = \frac{2t}{t-3}$

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 blows up at blows up at
 $t=3$. $t=3$
 t must be positive.

$\frac{\ln t}{t-3}$ is defined when $t > 0$ and $t \neq 3$. Continuous in the domain

$\frac{2t}{t-3}$ is defined and continuous when $t \neq 3$

Sing. pts: $t < 0$, $t = 3$



$0 < 1 < 3$, so interval of existence is $(0, 3)$

Example 3: $\sin 2t y' + \tan 4t y = \frac{1}{t}$, $y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$

Std. form: $y' + \frac{\tan 4t}{\sin 2t} y = \frac{1}{t \sin 2t}$

$\frac{\tan 4t}{\sin 2t} = \frac{\sin 4t}{\cos 4t \cdot \sin 2t}$ is not continuous when $\cos 4t = 0$
or $\sin 2t = 0$

Recall: $\sin \alpha = 0$ when $\alpha = k\pi$, $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

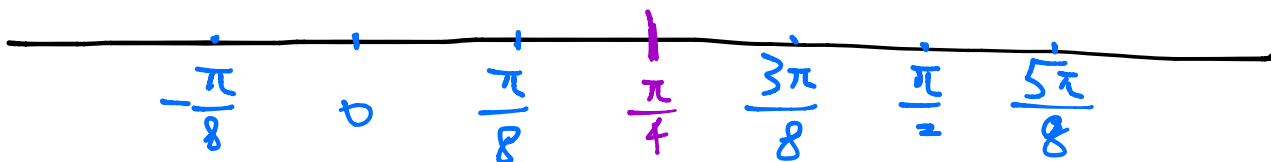
$\cos \alpha = 0$ when $\alpha = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$, $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

$\sin 2t = 0 \Rightarrow 2t = k\pi \Rightarrow t = \frac{k\pi}{2}$, i.e., $t = 0, \pm\frac{\pi}{2}, \pm\pi, \pm\frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots$

$\cos 4t = 0 \Rightarrow 4t = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{k\pi}{4}$, i.e., $t = \pm\frac{\pi}{8}, \pm\frac{3\pi}{8}, \pm\frac{5\pi}{8}, \dots$

$\frac{1}{t \sin 2t}$ is not continuous when $t = 0$ or $\sin 2t = 0$

the resulting singular points have been included above



Interval of existence: $\left(\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}\right)$.

Attendance Quiz : ① Find soln to the IVP $y' = (1-2x)y^2$, $y(0) = -\frac{1}{6}$
Should find explicit soln & interval of existence.

② Find the interval of existence of the IVP

$$y' + \frac{t^4}{(t-2)^8} y = \sqrt{t}, \quad y(1) = 8.$$

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