

Local truncation error (Euler).

If  $y = \phi(t)$  is the solution for the IVP.

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(t, y) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

Then the local truncation error for Euler's method is

$$e_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} |\phi''(\bar{t}_n)| h^2.$$

where  $h$  is the stepsize,

$\bar{t}_n$  is a number in  $[t_n, t_{n+1}] = [t_n, t_n + h]$ .

How to express  $\phi''(t)$ ?

Recall  $\phi'(t) = f(t, \phi(t))$ .

$$\frac{d}{dt} : \quad \phi''(t) = f_t(t, \phi(t)) + f_y(t, \phi(t)) \phi'(t).$$

$$= f_t(t, \phi(t)) + f_y(t, \phi(t)) f(t, \phi(t)).$$

$$\text{So } e_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} |f_t(\bar{t}_n, \phi(\bar{t}_n)) + f_y(\bar{t}_n, \phi(\bar{t}_n)) f(\bar{t}_n, \phi(\bar{t}_n))| h^2.$$

Don't memorize this formula but the way to get it!

Example: HW Problem 8.1.19.

$$y' = 5t - 3\sqrt{y}, \quad y(0) =$$

$$f(t, y) = 5t - 3\sqrt{y} \Rightarrow f_t = 5, \quad f_y = -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

$$\phi''(t) = 5 + \left(-\frac{3}{2\sqrt{\phi(t)}}\right) \cdot (5t - 3\sqrt{\phi(t)})$$

$$= 5 - \frac{15t}{2\sqrt{\phi(t)}} + \frac{9}{2} = \frac{19}{2} - \frac{15t}{2\sqrt{\phi(t)}}$$

$$e_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{19}{2} - \frac{15\bar{t}_n}{2\sqrt{\phi(\bar{t}_n)}} \right| h^2 = \left| \frac{19}{4} - \frac{15\bar{t}_n}{4\sqrt{\phi(\bar{t}_n)}} \right| h^2$$

Example: HW Problem 8.1.16.

$$y' = 2y - 1, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$f(t, y) = 2y - 1, \quad f_t = 0, \quad f_y = 2$$

$$\phi''(t) = 0 + 2 \cdot (2\phi(t) - 1) = 4\phi(t) - 2$$

$$e_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} |4\phi(\bar{t}) - 2| h^2 = |2\phi(\bar{t}) - 1| h^2$$

$\bar{t}_n$  can be anything between  $t_n$  and  $t_{n+1}$ .

This answers part (a). Part (b) is really silly:

$$e_{n+1} \leq \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |2\phi(t) - 1| h^2$$

Anyway this gives a control.

For part (c), we should solve the IVP.

$$\frac{dy}{2y-1} = dt \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln |2y-1| = t + C.$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y-1 = C e^{2t} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} (C e^{2t} + 1).$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow 2 \times 1 - 1 = C \cdot e^0 \Rightarrow C = 1$$

So  $y(t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{2t} + 1)$  is ~~a~~ the solution to IVP.

Regard  $\phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{2t} + 1)$  and put it into  $e_{n+1}$ .

$$e_{n+1} = \left| 2\phi(\bar{t}_n) - 1 \right| h^2 = \left| 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} (e^{2\bar{t}_n} + 1) - 1 \right| h^2.$$

$$= e^{2\bar{t}_n} h^2 \quad \text{Since } t_n \leq \bar{t}_n \leq t_{n+1} \quad e^{2x} \text{ is } \uparrow \text{ as } x \uparrow.$$

$$\leq e^{2t_{n+1}} h^2$$

So  $e^{2t_{n+1}} h^2$  is a better bound for the local trunc. error.

$$\text{For } h = 0.1, \quad e_1 = e_{0+1} \leq e^{2t_1} \cdot h^2 \quad h = 0.1, t_1 = 0.1$$

$$= e^{0.2} \times 0.01 \approx 0.0122.$$

$$e_4 = e_{3+1} \leq e^{2t_4} h^2 \quad h = 0.1, t_4 = 0 + 4h = 0.4$$

$$= e^{0.8} \cdot 0.01 \approx 0.0223.$$

3.1. Second order linear homogeneous ODE  
with constant coefficients:

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0.$$

Characteristic Equation:

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0. \Rightarrow \text{roots } r_1, r_2$$

(i)  $r_1, r_2$  real, distinct, then the general solution is

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

(ii)  $r_1 = r_2$  real. dealt in 3.3.

(iii)  $r_1, r_2$  complex. dealt in 3.4.

Example: HW Problem 3.1.21.

$$y'' - y' - 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = \alpha, \quad y'(0) = 2.$$

Char. eqn:  $r^2 - r - 2 = 0.$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = 2, \quad r_2 = -1.$$

Gen. sol'n:  $y(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t}.$

Before we proceed to solve  $C_1, C_2$ , let's look at the asymptotic behaviors first:

Note that  $|C_1 e^{2t}| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$|C_2 e^{-t}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

So the sum is dominated by the term  $C_1 e^{2t}$ .

(i)  $C_1 > 0$ , then  $y(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

(ii)  $C_1 = 0$ , then  $y(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

(iii)  $C_1 < 0$ , then  $y(t) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now let's solve  $C_1, C_2$ .

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = \alpha \\ y'(0) = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = \alpha \\ 2C_1 - C_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Add up: } 3C_1 = \alpha + 2 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1}{3}(\alpha + 2)$$

$$C_2 = \alpha - C_1 = \alpha - \frac{1}{3}(\alpha + 2) = \frac{2}{3}(\alpha - 1)$$

$$\text{So } y(t) = \frac{1}{3}(\alpha + 2)e^{2t} + \frac{2}{3}(\alpha - 1)e^{-t}$$

From the analysis above, when  $\alpha + 2 = 0$ , i.e.  $\alpha = -2$ ,

$$y(t) \rightarrow 0.$$

Comments to the extra practice problems:

1. Just as what we did for 3.1.21.

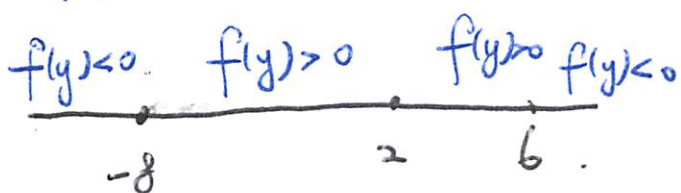
(Solving  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  may become complicated since the initial value is given at  $t=1$ ).

2. In the exam you may be given only the graph of  $f(y)$  versus  $y$ , for example.

Let's do this instead:

Equilibrium:  $-8, 2, 6$ .

Phase line:



When  $f(y) < 0$ ,  $\leftarrow$

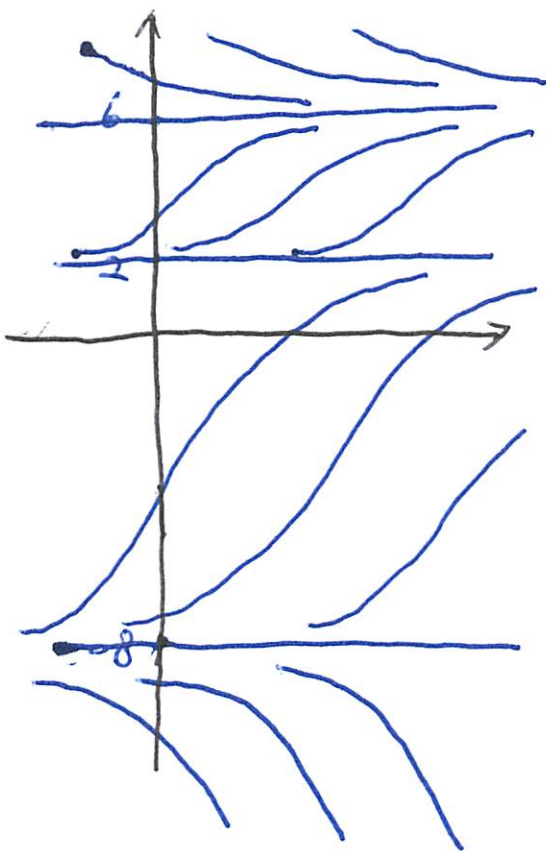
$f(y) > 0$ ,  $\rightarrow$

So the phase line is

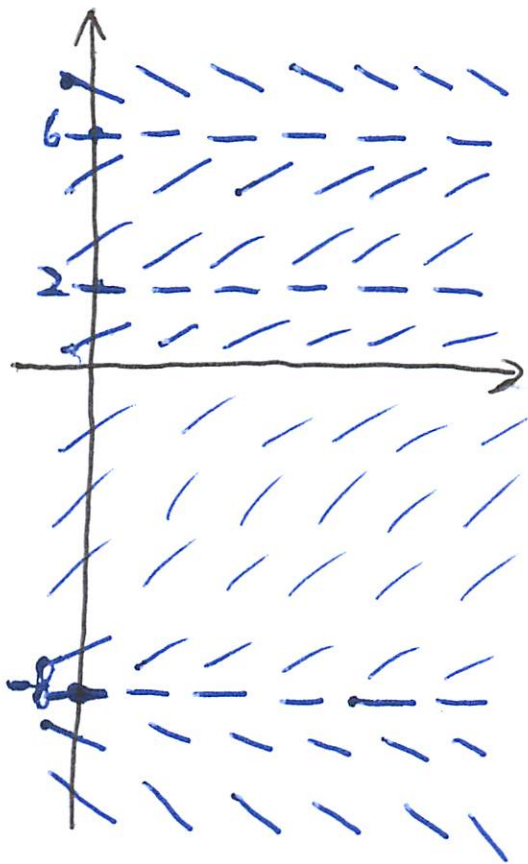


Stability:  $-8$  unstable,  
 $2$  semistable,  
 $6$  stable.

Be aware of the difference of "solutions" and "slopes",  
aka, integral curves and direction fields:



solutions  
integral curves



slopes  
direction fields

3. It's easy to solve that

$$e^y = x^2 - 4x - 4.$$

To find the interval of existence, you should find the explicit form:

$$y = \ln(x^2 - 4x - 4).$$

So  $x^2 - 4x - 4 > 0$  would be the condition.

Recall: If  $r_1, r_2$  are roots for  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .

Assume  $a > 0$ , then

(i) Solution to  $ax^2 + bx + c > 0$  is

$$x < r_1 \text{ or } x > r_2.$$

(ii) Solution to  $ax^2 + bx + c < 0$  is

$$r_1 < x < r_2$$

Now solve the quadratic eqn  $\Rightarrow r_1 = 2 - 2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $r_2 = 2 + 2\sqrt{2}$ .

So the solution exists in  $(-\infty, 2 - 2\sqrt{2})$  and  $(2 + 2\sqrt{2}, \infty)$ .

Since the initial value is given at  $x = 5$ , the interval of existence should be  $(2 + 2\sqrt{2}, \infty)$ .



4. Typical 1<sup>st</sup> order linear ODE:

$$\mu(t) = e^{-2t}, \quad \int \mu(t)g(t) dt = \int (4-t)e^{-2t} dt.$$

$$= -2e^{-2t} - \int \underbrace{te^{-2t}}_{\text{DIFF DO}} dt$$

$$= -2e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2}te^{-2t} - \int \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} dt.$$

$$= -2e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2}te^{-2t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t} + C = -\frac{7}{4}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2}te^{-2t} + C.$$

$$\text{Gen. sol'n: } y(t) = \frac{-\frac{7}{4}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2}te^{-2t} + C}{e^{-2t}}$$

$$= -\frac{7}{4} + \frac{1}{2}t + Ce^{2t}.$$

5. Be aware that you should get **standard form** first!

$$y' + \frac{2}{t^2-9}y = \frac{\ln|20-4t|}{t^2-9}$$

blows up at  $\pm 3$ .

blows up at  $5, \pm 3$



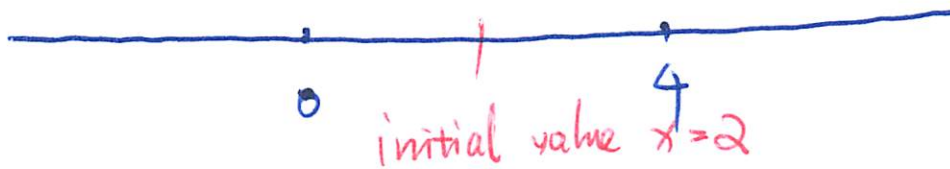
initial value given at  $t=4$

So the interval of existence:  $(3, 5)$ .

6. Similarly, **standard form first:**

$$y'' + \frac{\cos x}{x-4} y' + \frac{\ln|x|}{x-4} y = 0.$$

blows up at  $x=4$       blows up at  $x=4, 0$ .



So the solution exists on  $(0, 4)$ .

7. Recall the nonlinear version of existence & uniqueness theorem requires to check the continuity **for both  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ !**

$$y' = y^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad f(t, y) = y^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t, y) = \frac{1}{3y^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

continuous everywhere  
blows up at  $y=0$ .

The initial value hits  $y=0$ , so no conclusion could be drawn on the ~~was~~ existence of solution.

8. Write the ODE as

$$(2xy - 9x^2) + (x^2 + 2y + 1)y' = 0$$

$M$   $N$

Exactness:  $M_y = 2x$ ,  $N_x = 2x$ , ✓

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) &= \int (2xy - 9x^2) dx \\ &= x^2y - 3x^3 + \varphi(y) \end{aligned}$$

After this step you DON'T use  $M_y$  or  $N_x$  ANY MORE. In particular DON'T INTEGRATE THE WRONG THING!

$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}(x, y) = x^2 + \varphi'(y)$  and we know it should be

equal to  $N$ , i.e.

$$x^2 + \varphi'(y) = x^2 + 2y + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi'(y) = 2y + 1$$

IF  $\varphi'(y)$  involves  $x$ , that means you MESSED UP and DON'T YOU DARE TO CONTINUE!

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(y) = y^2 + y$$

the arbitrary constant here will be absorbed by this guy

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sol'n: } \cancel{x^2y + y^2 + y} \cancel{x^2y - 3x^3} = C$$

$$x^2y - 3x^3 + y^2 + y = C$$

Check:  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 2xy - 9x^2 = M$ , ✓  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = x^2 + 2y + 1 = N$ , ✓