

Recall: Last time we have considered the equation

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

We use the method of integrating factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{-\int p(t) dt} \quad \text{and solve } y(t) \text{ as}$$

$$y(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt} \left[\int e^{-\int p(t) dt} q(t) dt + C \right]$$

§ Existence and uniqueness theorem:

Thm: (linear case)

Let $I = (a, b)$ with the IVP

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = p(t)y(t) + q(t) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

Assume: $p(t), q(t)$ continuous on (a, b)

then: $\exists!$ solution $y(t)$ to the IVP.

Pf: By method of integrating factor :

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

and

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

is general solution to the equation on (a, b) .

Uniqueness:

if we have two c_1, c_2 s.t. they both satisfy

$$\text{IVP} \Rightarrow \frac{c_1}{\mu(t_0)} = \frac{c_2}{\mu(t_0)} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2.$$

Existence: Given $t_0 \in (a, b)$, y_0 .

Want to solve

$$y(t_0) = y_0.$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{1}{\mu(t_0)} [F(t_0) + c] = y_0 \Rightarrow c = \mu(t_0) y_0 - F(t_0).$$

$$\text{where } F'(t) = q(t) \mu(t).$$

$$\text{If we } F(t) = \int_{t_0}^t q(s) \mu(s) ds \Rightarrow F(t_0) = 0$$

And we have $y(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \left[\int_{t_0}^t \mu(s) q(s) ds + \mu(t_0) y_0 \right]$
is the unique solution to the IVP.

Thm (General existence & uniqueness for 1st order ODE)

Consider on (a, b) with the IVP:

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

where $f = (a, b) \times (c, d) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ continuous in $(a, b) \times (c, d)$

Then 1) (Existence) there exist $\delta > 0$ with $(t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta) \subseteq (a, b)$
such the IVP has a solution $y(t)$ in $(t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$

2) (Uniqueness) Any two solution $y_1(t), y_2(t)$ with
 $y_i : (a, b) \longrightarrow (c, d)$ to the IVP are
equal.

Rk: Existence is local while uniqueness is global.

pf: (deferred to later section).

Example: consider $\begin{cases} ty' + 2y = 4t^2 \\ y(1) = 2 \end{cases}$

find the domain s.t. the existence and uniqueness holds.

First for $t \neq 0$, we can rewrite the equation as

$$y' = \underbrace{\left(\frac{-2}{t}\right)}_{p(t)} y + \underbrace{(4t)}_{q(t)} \text{ which is linear.}$$

- $p(t), q(t)$ continuous on $(0, +\infty)$

\Rightarrow Exist an unique solution $y(t)$ to IVP on $(0, +\infty)$

In fact we can solve the linear equation

$$e^{\int p(t) dt} = e^{-2 \log |t|} = \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\int e^{\int p(t) dt} q(t) dt = \int 4t^3 dt = t^4$$

$$\text{Hence we have } y(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} (t^4 + C)$$

$$\text{For the IVP : } y(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} (t^4 + 1)$$

Which cannot be extended through $t = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{maximal domain} = (0, +\infty)$$

- If we change the initial value to $y(1) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = t^2 \text{ which is globally defined}$$

Example: (non-uniqueness example)

$$y' = y^{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad y(0) = 0$$

$$f(t, y) = y^{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{2}{3} y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{Not cont. at } y=0.$$

Solve: $\frac{y'}{y^{\frac{2}{3}}} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{2}{3}} = t + c$

IV: $y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

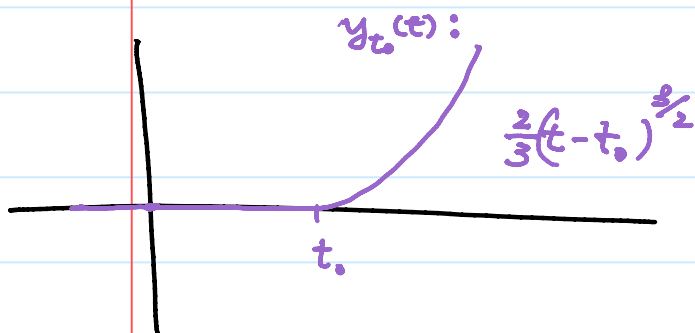
$\therefore y = \left(\frac{2}{3}|t|\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ is a solution

On the other hand: $y \equiv 0$ is also a sol.

Hence we do NOT have the uniqueness

Moreover, we let

$$y_{t_0}(t) := \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t \leq t_0 \\ \left(\frac{2}{3}(t-t_0)\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} & t_0 \leq t \end{cases}$$



each $y_{t_0}(t)$ is a solution to the IVP

- We even have infinite family of solution $y_{t_0}(t)$
- It does NOT contradict uniqueness because $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is NOT continuous at $t=0$

Example: (non global existence)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 = f(t, y) \\ y(0) = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dt} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{y} = t + c$$

$$\text{IV} \Rightarrow C = -1$$

Hence we have $y = \frac{-1}{t-1}$ as solution

Notice that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} y(t) = \pm\infty$ so there is no way to extend the solution through $t=1$.

Example: (uniqueness application)

$$\begin{cases} y' = \sin(e^t y) = f(t, y) \\ y(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f(t, y) = \sin(e^t y), \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t, y) = e^t \cos(e^t y)$$

both are continuous.

(in fact f is smooth function on \mathbb{R}^2).

Observe:

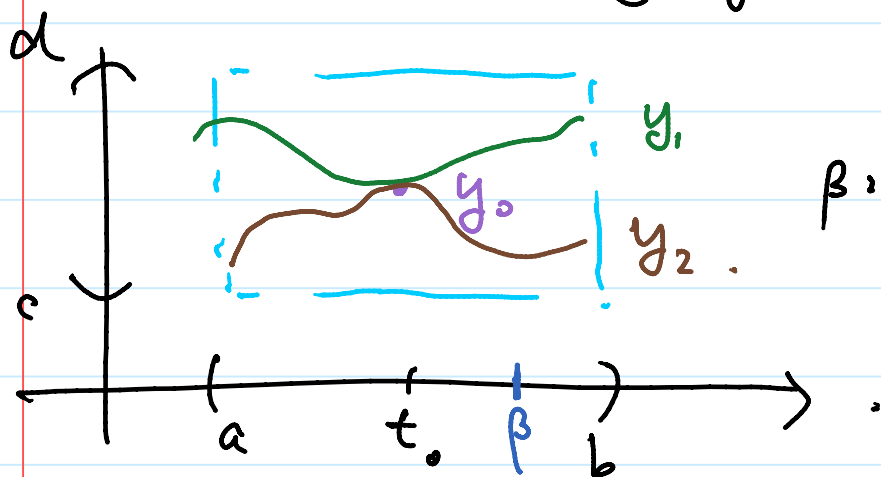
$y \equiv 0$ is the unique solution to the IVP by the uniqueness theorem.

Rk: In the book, the uniqueness result is only in $(t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$ which is local.

But in fact we may prove the global uniqueness as follows:

Assume: $f: (a, b) \times (c, d) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

with two solutions y_1, y_2 to IVP $f(t_0) = y_0$



We let $\beta := \sup \{ s \mid t_0 \leq s < b \text{ with } y_1(t) = y_2(t) \text{ in } [t_0, s) \}$

Want: $\beta = b$

First, local uniqueness $\Rightarrow t_0 < \beta$

and we assume $\beta < b$.

we have $y_1(t) = y_2(t)$ in $[t_0, \beta)$

$y_1(\beta) = y_2(\beta) = y_{\beta,0}$ by continuity

Local uniqueness again

for the IVP $y(\beta) = y_{\beta,0}$

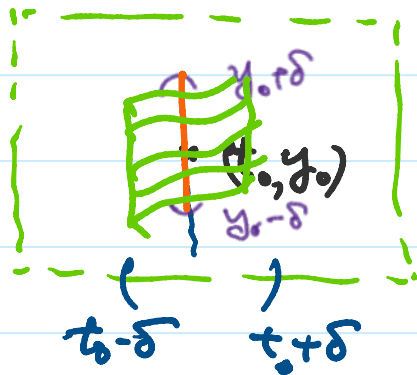
$\Rightarrow \exists \delta$ s.t. $y_1 = y_2$ in $(\beta - \delta, \beta + \delta)$

which leads to contradiction.

§ C^1 -dependence on initial condition

Let $f: (a,b) \times (c,d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

- $f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous as in the Existence and uniqueness theorem



- $\exists \delta$ small (possibly smaller than we originally have in the existence and uniqueness theorem).

s.t. the IVP
$$\begin{cases} y' = f(t, y) \\ y(t_0) = z \end{cases} \in (y_0 - \delta, y_0 + \delta)$$

has unique solution $y_z(t)$ for $t \in (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$

Furthermore: if we put together the unique solution

$$Y: (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta) \times (y_0 - \delta, y_0 + \delta)$$

\downarrow t \downarrow z

by $Y(t, z) := y_z(t)$

Conclusion: Y is C^1 in t and y .