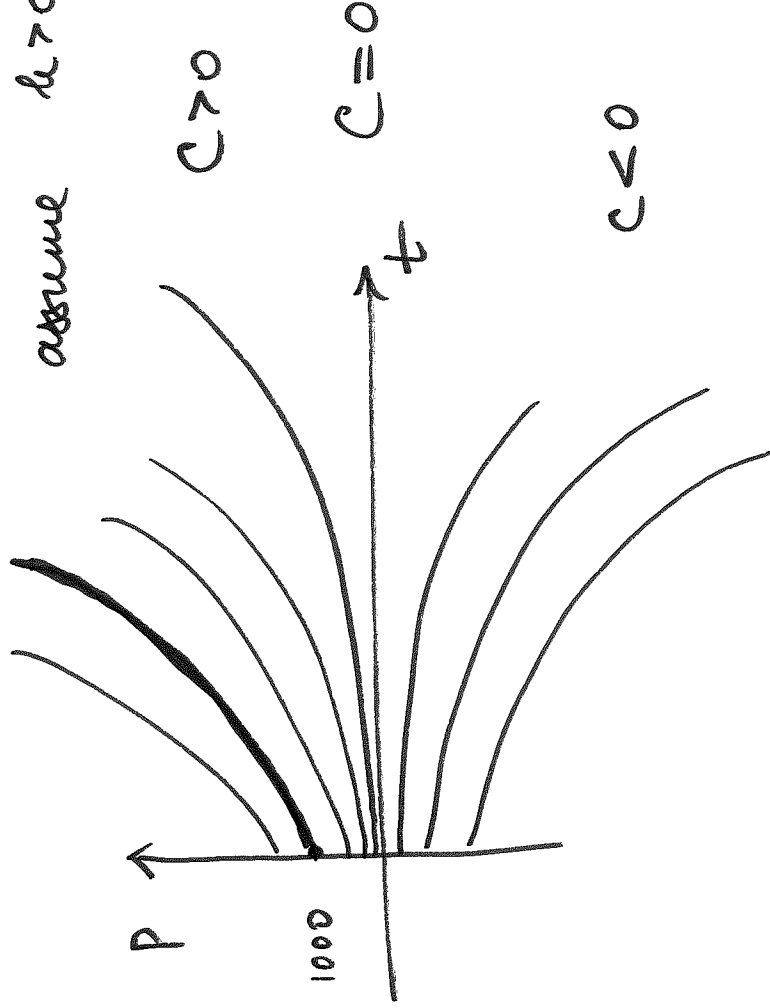


Ex

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$$

$$P(t) = Ce^{kt}, \quad C: \text{arbitrary const}$$

assume  $k > 0$



IC

$$P(0) = 1000 : \text{initial condition}$$

IC determines the unique solution out of infinitely many solutions defined by an arbitrary const C.

Def The order of a DE is the order of the highest derivative in DE.

Ex  $y' = e^t$  : 1<sup>st</sup> order ODE

$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 9x = 0$  : 2<sup>nd</sup> order DE

$y'' + 3y^3 = 2x$   
 $y = y(x)$

2<sup>nd</sup> order DE

R.R.R

$y^{(3)} = y''' = \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$

4<sup>th</sup> order DE

$R^{(4)} + x^2 R + y = 64x$

R.R.R  
 $\frac{d^2x}{dx^2}$

In general,  $n^{\text{th}}$  order DE for  $y = y(x)$  can be written

$$F(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

A continuous function  $u = u(x)$  is a solution of (1) on some interval  $I$  if

$$F(x, u(x), u'(x), \dots, u^{(n)}(x)) \equiv 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in I$$

If we have a DE for function  $u(x)$  of one variable  $x$ , we say we have an ordinary differential equation (ODE)

1D uniform

Consider  $u = u(t, x)$ : temperature in 1D rod



One can show (Math 480):

$$(2) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = K \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

K: thermal diffusivity

heat equation

partial derivatives

partial differential

Equation (2) is an example of a partial differential equation. Studied in Math 480 (PDEs).

This is an ODE class.

We will start from 1<sup>st</sup> order ODEs.

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

$$y = y(x)$$

$y(x_0) = y_0$  : initial condition

initial value problem (IVP)

DE + IC form

initial value problem (IVP)

To solve IVP, one needs to find a function  $y(x)$  that satisfies both DE & IC.

## 1.2 Integrals as General and Particular Solutions

Consider  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$  no  $y$

We want to find  $y(x)$ .

$$y(x) = \int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int f(x) dx + C$$

a general solution

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

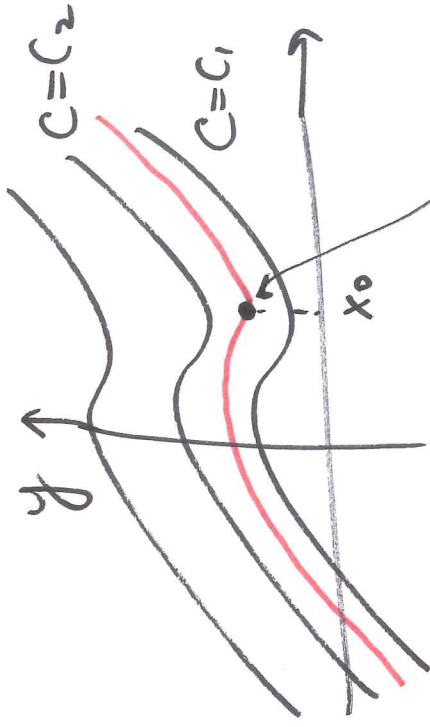
$$\text{of } \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$$

It is one-parameter family of solutions.

Let  $G(x)$  be an antiderivative of  $f$ , i.e.  $G'(x) = f(x)$

$$y(x) = G(x) + C$$

general solution



IC:  $y(x_0) = y_0$

at  $x = x_0$ :  $y(x_0) = G(x_0) + C \Rightarrow C = y_0 - G(x_0)$

$$y(x) = G(x) + [y_0 - G(x_0)]$$

particular solution of IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \text{ subject to}$$

$$\text{IC } y(x_0) = y_0$$

describes all possible solutions

Note The general solution of a DE.

Ex Solve IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x - 5, \quad y(1) = 2$$

$y(x) = \int (4x - 5) dx = 2x^2 - 5x + C$  : the general solution

$$\text{IC } y(1) = 2 \Rightarrow y''(1) = 2 \cdot 1^2 - 5 \cdot 1 + C \Rightarrow 2 = 2 - 5 + C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = 5}$$

$$y(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + 5$$

: the particular solution

Ex Consider

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = g(x)$$

no  $y$

2<sup>nd</sup> order DE

Integrate wrt  $x$  once.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \int \underbrace{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}_{g(x)} dx = \int g(x) dx + C_1 = G(x) + C_1$$

Integrate again:

$$y(x) = \int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int [G(x) + C_1] dx = \int G(x) dx + C_1 x + C_2 \equiv H(x)$$



$$y(x) = H(x) + C_1 x + C_2$$

a general solution  
of  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = g(x)$

## Velocity and Acceleration

$x(t)$ : position of a particle

$m$ : mass of the particle

$F(t)$ : force acting on the particle along its line  
of motion

$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \text{velocity} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(t) = \int v(t) dt \quad \text{or}$$

$$x(t) = \int_{t_0}^t v(\tau) d\tau + x_0$$

integral w/ upper limit  $x(t_0)$   
variable limit

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \quad \text{acceleration}$$

Newton's 2nd law of motion:

$$ma = F \Rightarrow m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = F \quad \text{2nd order DE for } x(t)$$

Divide both sides by m:

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

$x(0) = x_0$ : initial position

$\frac{dx}{dt}(0) = v_0$ : initial velocity

$$\frac{F}{m} = a : \text{const}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a$$

Integrate once.

Aside:

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = F : \text{1st order for } v(t)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \int a \, dt = at + C_1$$

$$\text{IC: } \frac{dx}{dt}(0) = v_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{dx}{dt}(t=0)}_{= v_0} = \cancel{a \cdot 0} + C_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{C_1 = v_0}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v(t) = at + v_0$$

Integrate again.

$$x(t) = \int (at + v_0) \, dt = \frac{a}{2} t^2 + v_0 t + C_2$$

$$\text{IC: } x(0) = x_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x_0 = \frac{a}{2} \cdot 0^2 + \cancel{v_0 \cdot 0} + C_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{C_2 = x_0}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{x(t) = \frac{a}{2} t^2 + v_0 t + x_0}$$

$$\boxed{v(t) = at + v_0}$$

Physical Units

	British	Metric
Force	lb	N
Mass	slug	kg
Distance	ft	m
Time	s	s
g	$32 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$	$9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$