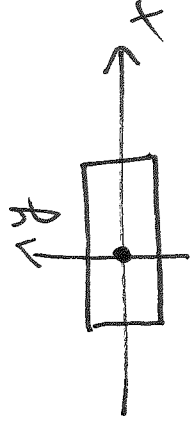


Ex  $y' = \frac{1}{x}, y(0) = 0$

$f(x,y)$

but  $\frac{1}{x}$  is not continuous at  $x=0$   
(where IC is given)

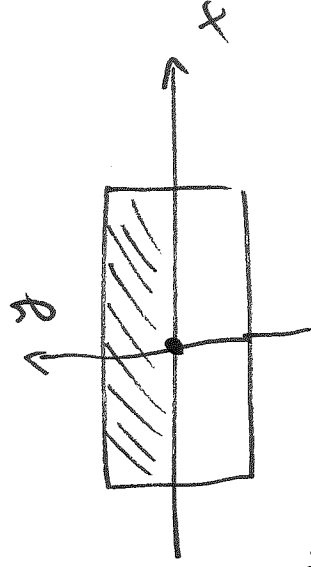


$\Rightarrow$  Then cannot guarantee existence of a solution.

In fact, we know that there is no solution.

Ex  $y' = \underbrace{2\sqrt{y}}_{f(x,y)}, y(0) = 0$

$x \geq 0$



$f = 2\sqrt{y}$  is OK for  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0. \Rightarrow$  solution exists

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{1}{2} y^{\frac{1}{2}-1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

Since  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  is not 0 at  $y=0 \Rightarrow$  Thm cannot guarantee that solution is unique.

In fact, we know that there are two solutions:

$$y_1 = x^2, \quad y_2 = 0.$$

## 1.4 Separable Equations and Applications

Def a first-order DE

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

is separable if  $H(x, y)$  can

be written as

$$H(x, y) = g(x)h(y) = \frac{g(x)}{f(y)}$$

where  $h(y) = \frac{1}{f(y)}$

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

$$| \cdot f(y) dx$$

$f(y) dy = g(x) dx$  : variables  $x$  and  $y$  are separated

$$\int f(y) dy = \int g(x) dx$$

$F(y) = G(x) + C$  : a general solution of

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

implicit solution  
for  $y$

This method is called the method of separation of

variables.

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

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

$\int f(y) \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int g(x) dx$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{dy}$  change of variables

Ex  $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP^2$  |  $\frac{dt}{P^2}$   $P \neq 0$

$\frac{dP}{P^2} = k dt$  variables are separated  
 $\int \frac{1}{P^2} dP = \int k dt$

$$\int \frac{dP}{P^2} = \int k dt$$

$-\frac{1}{P} = kt + C$  : implicit solution for P

$P = -\frac{1}{kt + C}$  : explicit solution for P

IC:  $P(0) = 2$

$t=0$ :  $P(0) = -\frac{1}{k \cdot 0 + C} \Rightarrow 2 = -\frac{1}{C} \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore P(t) = -\frac{1}{kt - \frac{1}{2}}$  : particular solution

Check if  $P=0$  is another solution.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 4P^2 \quad P \equiv 0 \rightarrow P' = 0$$

$$0 = 0 \quad \checkmark \Rightarrow P \equiv 0 \text{ satisfies } \frac{dP}{dt} = 4P^2$$

but  $P \equiv 0$  does not satisfy IC  $P(0) = 2$ .

$\therefore P \equiv 0$  is not a solution of IVP  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 4P^2, P(0) = 2$

Ex ≡ Solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy, \quad y(0) = 7$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy, \quad y \neq 0$

but IC  $y(0) = 7 \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow y \equiv 0$  is not a solution of IVP

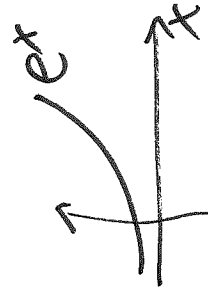
$\int \frac{dy}{y} = -6 \int x dx$

$\ln|y| = -3x^2 + \tilde{C} \quad | \quad \text{exp}$

$|y| = e^{-3x^2 + \tilde{C}}$

$|y| = e^{-3x^2} \cdot e^{\tilde{C}}$

$\rightarrow |y| > 0$



$e^{\ln t} = t$

$\ln e^t = t$

$e^{a+b} = e^a \cdot e^b$

$e^{a+b} \neq e^a + e^b$

$\ln(a \cdot b) = \ln a + \ln b$

$\ln \frac{a}{b} = \ln a - \ln b$

$$y = Ce^{-3x^2}$$

$C$  can be  $> 0$ ,  $= 0$ , or  $< 0$   
 this also includes  $C = 0$ .

Note  $C$  can be of different sign or 0, whereas  $e^{-3x^2} > 0$  always.

IC:  $y(0) = 7$

$$y(0) = Ce^{-3 \cdot 0^2} = C \Rightarrow C = 7$$

$$e^0 = 1$$

$$y(x) = 7e^{-3x^2}$$

Ex  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$

$$x \geq 0$$

We showed earlier that this IVP has two solutions

$$\frac{dy}{2\sqrt{y}} = dx, \quad y \neq 0$$

$$y_1 = x^2, \quad y_2 = 0$$



$$\int \frac{dy}{2\sqrt{y}} = \int dx$$

$$\sqrt{y} = x + C$$

$$y = (x+C)^2$$

Check if  $y \equiv 0$  is a solution

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y} \quad y(0) = 0$$

$$0 = 2 \cdot \sqrt{0} \Rightarrow 0 = 0$$

$$y(0) = 0 \checkmark$$

$\therefore y \equiv 0$  is another solution

in one formula.

We can't combine these two solutions,  $y = (x+C)^2$  has an arbitrary const, regular solution

the general solution  $y = 0$  has no arbitrary const, a singular solution

IC  $y(0) = 0 \quad y = (x+C)^2$

at  $x=0 \quad y''(0) = (0+C)^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{C=0}$

$\therefore y(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \\ 0 \end{cases}$  particular solution

Applications

Natural Growth & Decay

$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx$  : separable ODE ,  $k > 0$  or  $k < 0$

$\frac{dx}{x} = k dt$  ,  $x \neq 0$

$x \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x' = 0$

$x' = kx$

$0 = k \cdot 0$  ✓

$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \int k dt$

$\therefore x \equiv 0$  is also a solution

$\ln|x| = kt + \tilde{C}$  | exp

$|x| = e^{kt + \tilde{C}}$  or

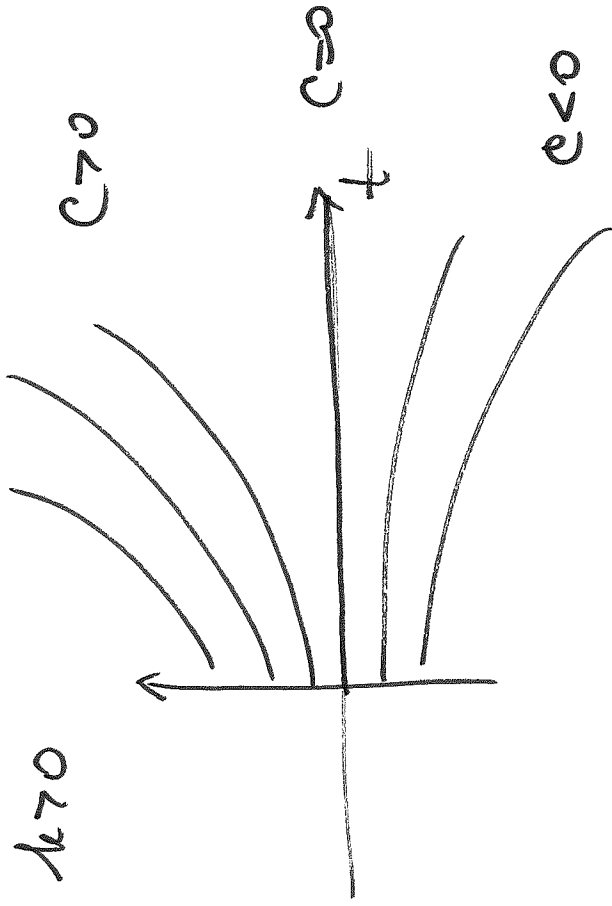
$x = Ce^{kt}$

includes

$x > 0, x = 0$

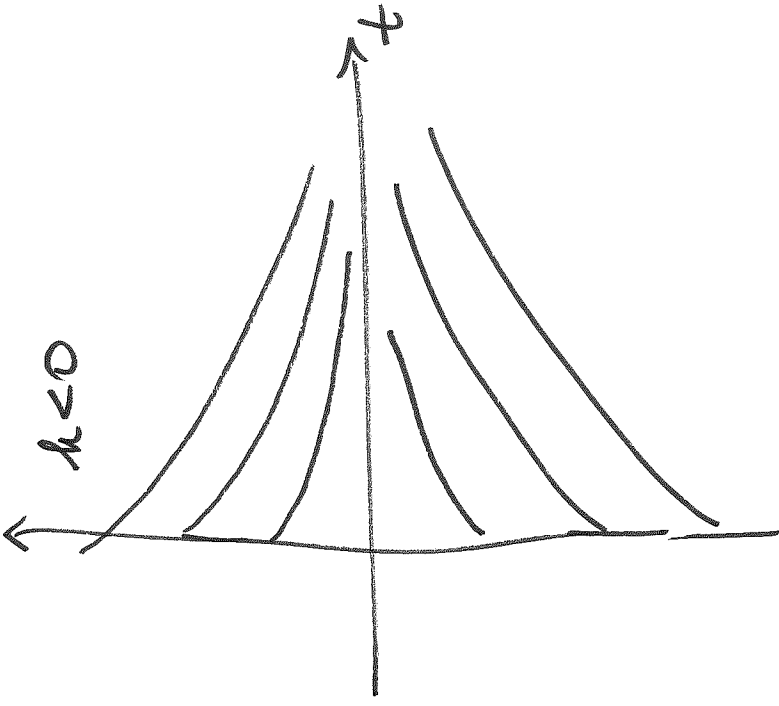
$x < 0$

$k > 0$



exponential growth

$k < 0$



exponential decay

IC:  $x(0) = x_0$

$$x(t) = C e^{-kt}$$

$$x(0) = C e^{-k \cdot 0} = C \cdot 1$$

"  $x_0$  "

$$\Rightarrow C = x_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x(t) = x_0 e^{-kt}$$