

Outline:

1. On proofs + abstraction
  - L What did we prove on Thursday?
  - L Why is it important?
  - L What are the different levels of solving a problem.
2. Explicit Solutions
  - L First-order autonomous equations
  - L Separable equations
  - L ODEs with homogeneous coefficients
  - L Exact differentials

What is a mathematical proof?

- A mathematical proof is a series of logically connected statements starting from what you know and ending with what you want to prove.

Thm of Apple Deliciousness

Claim: Apples are delicious.

Proof. It is self-evident that sweet foods are delicious.

By the Theorem of Sugary Fruits, all fruits are sweet foods.

The computation below shows that apples are fruits.

Therefore, apples are delicious. □

(starting axiom)  
 (reference to another fact we agree on)  
 (computation)  
 (conclusion)

- Each step must be justified by an agreed upon reason.
- The amount of justification needed and how much you can skip in your steps depends on your audience.

Once a claim is proved, you can use it in later proofs.

Claim: Oranges are delicious.

Proof. Oranges are apples. ← incorrect starting point

Therefore, oranges are fruit. ← true via the proof of Apple Deliciousness, given the incorrect prior statement

By the Theorem of Apple Deliciousness, oranges are delicious. ← used wrong theorem



Recall: Consider a first-order **autonomous** equation.

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad f \in C(\mathbb{R}),$$

We want to find a function  $\phi(t)$  s.t.

$$\dot{x}(\phi(t)) = f(\phi(t)).$$

} i.e. find a general solution to ODEs of this type.

Because it is **time-invariant**, we need only consider solutions starting at  $x_0 = x(0)$ .

We proved that if  $f(x_0) \neq 0$ , we can define a function  $F(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dy}{f(y)}$  in some **interval of validity**  $(x_1, x_2)$ , where  $f(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\Rightarrow F(x)$  is strictly monotonic.

**Why did we define  $F(x)$  and prove strict monotonicity?**

Suppose  $\phi(t)$  is a solution to the ODE  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ .

$$\text{Then } F(\phi(t)) = \int_{x_0}^{\phi(t)} \frac{dy}{f(y)} = t \quad (\text{from Thursday's proof.})$$

$$\left( \int_{x_0}^{\phi(t)} \frac{dy}{f(y)} = \int_0^t \frac{\dot{\phi}(s)}{f(\phi(s))} ds = \int_0^t ds = t \right)$$

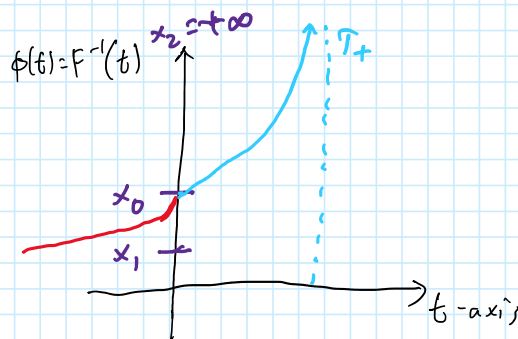
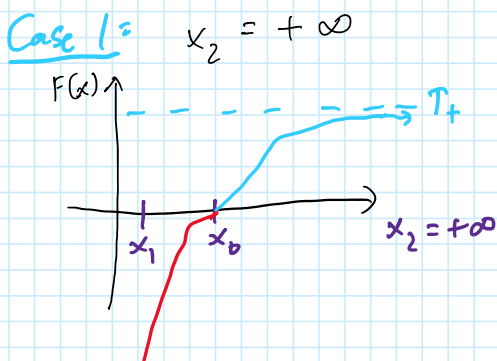
If  $F(\phi(t)) = t$ , then  $\phi(t) = F^{-1}(t)$  so long as  $F^{-1}$  exists.

$F^{-1}$  exists so long as  $F(x)$  is strictly monotonic.

**This proves that we can find a solution by integrating if  $f(x_0) \neq 0$ .**

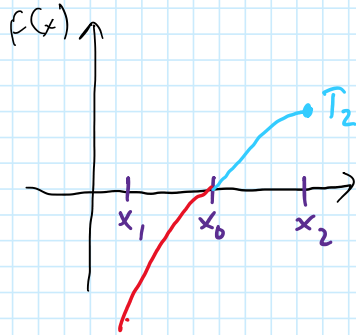
But these solutions are only valid on  $(x_1, x_2)$ . What happens as we get closer to those limits? Let's consider  $x_2$  for  $F(x)$  strictly positive monotonic.

$$\text{Recall } T_+ = \lim_{x \uparrow x_2} F(x) \quad (= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_2^-} F(x)).$$

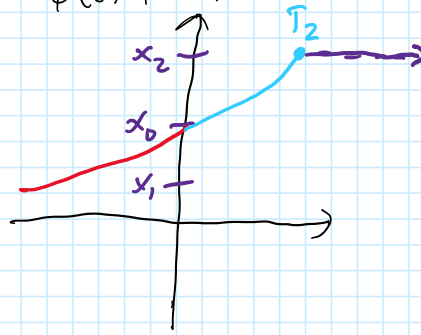


$\phi(t)$  asymptotically approaches  $+\infty$ , as  $t \uparrow T_+$ , so the function cannot be extended.

Case 2:  $x_2 < +\infty$



$$\phi(t) = F^{-1}(t)$$



$\phi(t)$  approaches a finite  $T_2$ , and  $f(x_2) = 0$ , so can extend the constant solution.

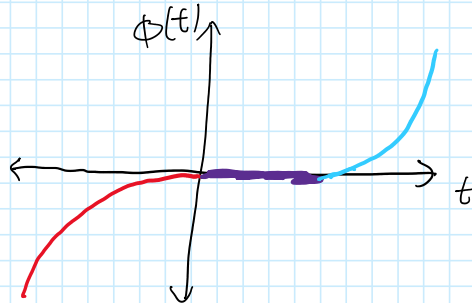
Odd behavior can appear when  $f(x) = 0$

Ex.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{|x|}, \quad x_0 = 0.$$

$$\phi(t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{(t-t_0)^2}{4}, & t \leq t_0 \\ 0, & t_0 \leq t \leq t_1 \\ \frac{(t-t_1)^2}{4}, & t_1 \leq t \end{cases}$$

(see Example 1.33, Teschl)



Conclusion: We can usually integrate to get solutions for 1st order autonomous ODEs. But, Solutions might only exist locally in  $t$ .

And, Solutions might not be unique.

### Levels of Abstraction:

More abstract/general

$$F(t, x, x', x'', \dots, x^{(k)}) = 0$$

(general functional relationship)

$$x^{(k)} = f(t, x, x', \dots, x^{(k-1)})$$

(explicit form kth order)

first order ( $x' = f(t, x)$ ), second order ( $x'' = f(t, x, x')$ ), ...

first order autonomous ( $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ), separable ( $\dot{x} = g(t)f(x)$ ), ...

$$\dot{x} = -kx, \quad \dot{x} = ax + b, \quad \dot{x} = c_1 \sin(x) + c_2 \cos(x), \dots$$

$$\dot{x} = -5x, \quad \dot{x} = 5x + 2, \dots$$

More specific/applied

radiocarbon dating, compound interest, falling under gravitational field.

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Explicit Solutions: We just gave a general solution for one class of ODEs. This and other general solutions allow us to solve specific problems.

Example:  $\dot{x} = x^2$ ,  $x(0) = x_0$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2$$

If  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{dx}{x^2} = dt$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2} = \int dt$$

$$-\frac{1}{x} = t + C$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = -t + C$$

$$x = \frac{1}{-t + C}$$

$$x(0) = \frac{1}{C} = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{x_0}$$

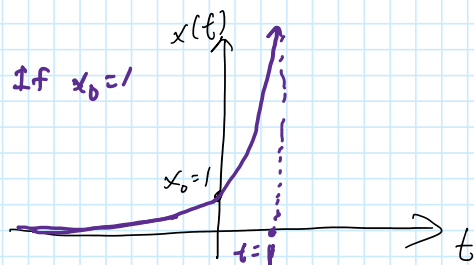
$$x = \frac{1}{-t + \frac{1}{x_0}} = \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0 t}$$

Including explicit transformation for constants

$$-\frac{1}{x} = t + C_1$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = -t + C_2, \quad C_2 = -C_1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{-t + C_2}$$



Note: Whenever we do integration, we often end up with not just one solution, but an entire family of them because of constants.

Define: A  $k$ -parameter family of solutions for an ODE to be a solution that has  $k$  constant terms  $C_1, \dots, C_k$ .

Ex  $f'''(t) = 5$

$$\int f'''(t) dt = \int 5 dt$$

$$f''(t) = 5t + C_1$$

$$f'(t) = \frac{5}{2}t^2 + C_1 t + C_2$$

$$f(t) = \frac{5}{6}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}C_1 t^2 + C_2 t + C_3 \quad \leftarrow 3\text{-parameter family}$$

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$$x(t) = \frac{1}{-t+c} \quad \leftarrow 1\text{-parameter family}$$

Ex.  $y'' - y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$$

$\leftarrow 2\text{-parameter family}$

We haven't learned to solve this yet, but can check

$$y' = C_1 e^x - C_2 e^{-x}$$

$$y'' = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} = y.$$

For many (but not all) ODEs, we can say that a  $k$ th-order ODE has a  $k$ -parameter family of solutions.

Def. A **particular** solution is a solution that has no arbitrary constants.

Def. A **general** solution is a  $k$ -parameter family of solutions that contains every **particular** solution of an ODE.

Using this terminology, we say that we can find a **1-parameter family of solutions** to a **1st-order autonomous ODE** by **integrating**.

If for  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ,  $f(x) \neq 0$  anywhere in the domain, that **1-parameter family of solutions is a general solution**.

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Other types of ODEs.

**Separable coefficients**

Define: A separable first-order ODE is an ODE that can be rewritten

$$\dot{x}(t, x) = g(t) f(x). \quad (\text{or equivalently } g(t)dt + f(x)dx = 0)$$

We can solve separable ODEs using the same ruse.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = g(t) f(x)$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{f(x)} = \int g(t) dt, \quad \text{so long as } f(x) \neq 0.$$

Ex.  $\dot{x}(t, x) = \sin(t) \cdot (x+1)$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sin(t) \cdot (x+1)$$

$$\frac{dx}{x+1} = \sin(t) dt$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x+1} = \int \sin(t) dt$$

If  $x > -1$ ,  $\ln(x+1) = -\cos(t) + C$   
 $x+1 = e^{-\cos(t)+C} = Ce^{-\cos t}$   
 $x = -1 + Ce^{-\cos(t)}$

If  $x < -1$ ,  $\ln(-x-1) = -\cos(t) + C$   
 $-x-1 = Ce^{-\cos(t)}$   
 $x = -1 - Ce^{-\cos(t)}$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $x \neq -1$ ,  $x = -1 + Ce^{-\cos(t)}$

If  $x = -1$ , we guess that  $x = -1$  is also a constant solution, because then  $\dot{x}(t, x) = 0$ .

So now we have a **1-parameter** family of solutions  $x = -1 + Ce^{-\cos(t)}$ .

**Ex. 6.7**  
Ternonbaum

Find a particular solution of  $xy^2 dx + (1-x)dy = 0$  for which  $y(2) = 1$ .

Let's rewrite this in a **separated** form

$$xy^2 dx + (1-x)dy = 0$$

If  $y \neq 0$  and  $x \neq 1$ ,

$$\frac{x}{1-x} dx + \frac{1}{y^2} dy = 0$$

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

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

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

$$-\ln|1-x| - x - \frac{1}{y} = C$$

$$\ln|1-x| + x + \frac{1}{y} = C \quad \leftarrow \text{1 parameter family of solutions (implicit)}$$

Recall  $y(2) = 1$  (i.e.  $x=2, y=1$  is a point on the curve of the particular solution)

$$\ln|1-2| + 2 + 1 = C$$

$$C = 3$$

$\Rightarrow$  Particular solution:  $\ln|1-x| + x + \frac{1}{y} = 3, \quad x \neq 1, y \neq 0$

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Def. Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a function of  $x$  and  $y$ .  
 $f(x, y)$  is said to be **homogeneous of order  $n$**  if it can be written as  $f(x, y) = x^n g(u)$ , where  $u = \frac{y}{x}$   
or  $f(x, y) = y^n g(u)$ , where  $u = \frac{x}{y}$ .

Ex.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \log \frac{y}{x}$ ,  $x > 0$ ,  $y > 0$ .

$$f(x, y) = x^2 \left( 1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2} \log \frac{y}{x} \right).$$

Substituting in  $u = \frac{y}{x}$ ,  $f(x, y) = x^2 (1 + u^2 \log u)$

Thus,  $x^2 + y^2 \log \frac{y}{x}$  is homogeneous of order 2.

Alternatively,

$$f(x, y) = y^2 \left( \frac{x^2}{y^2} + \log \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

Let  $u = \frac{x}{y}$ .  $f(x, y) = y^2 (u^2 + \log \frac{1}{u}) = y^2 (u^2 - \log u)$ .

So it is still homogeneous of order 2.

Alternately, an equivalent definition is that a function  $f(x, y)$  is **homogeneous of order  $n$**  if

$$f(tx, ty) = t^n f(x, y).$$

Ex.  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \log \frac{y}{x}$ .

$$f(tx, ty) = t^2 x^2 + t^2 y^2 \log \frac{ty}{tx} = t^2 (x^2 + y^2 \log \frac{y}{x}) = t^2 f(x, y)$$

Mentimeter: Are the following functions homogeneous?  
If so, what order?

1.  $e^{\frac{y}{x}} + \tan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

2.  $x^2 + \sin x \cos y$

3.  $\sqrt{x + y}$

4.  $\sqrt[2]{2x^2 + y^2}$

3.  $\sqrt{x+y}$
4.  $\sqrt{x^2+3xy+2y^2}$
5.  $x^4-3x^3y+5y^2x^2-2y^1$

Definition 7.2 The differential equation

(Tenenbaum)

$P(x,y)dx + Q(x,y)dy = 0$ ,  
 where  $P(x,y)$  and  $Q(x,y)$  are each homogeneous functions  
 of order  $n$  is called a **first order differential equation**  
 with **homogeneous coefficients**.

Theorem 7.32

(Tenenbaum)

Given an ODE  $P(x,y)dx + Q(x,y)dy = 0$   
 with homogeneous coefficients, the substitution  
 $y = ux$ ,  $dy = udx + xdu$   
 leads to a separable ODE in  $u$  and  $x$ .

Ex.  $2ye^{x/y}dx + (y - 2xe^{x/y})dy = 0$

Note  $2ye^{x/y}$  is homogeneous with order 1  
 $y - 2xe^{x/y}$  is homogeneous with order 1.

Let  $x = uy$ ,  $dx = udy + ydu$

$$2ye^u(udy + ydu) + (y - 2uye^u)dy = 0$$

$$2uye^u dy + 2y^2e^u du + ydy - 2uye^u dy = 0$$

$$2y^2e^u du + ydy = 0$$

$$2e^u du + \frac{1}{y} dy = 0$$

$$2e^u + \ln|y| = C$$

$$2e^{x/y} + \ln|y| = C$$

## Exact differentials

From multivariable calculus (the coreq B41), we can define  
 the total differential of a function  $z = f(x,y)$  by

$$dz = \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial y} dy.$$



$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy.$$

Ex.  $z = x^2 + y^2$   
 $dz = 2x dx + 2y dy$

Def. A differential expression

$P(x,y)dx + Q(x,y)dy$   
is called an **exact differential** if it is the total differential of some function  $f(x,y)$ .

i.e. if  $P(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x,y)$  and  $Q(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x,y)$ .

When an exact differential appears in an ODE, and if we know the function it is the total differential of, then we can easily integrate the **exact differential equation** to get a 1-parameter family of solutions  $f(x,y) = c$ .

Ex.  $(6xy + 5y)dx + (3x^2 + 5x + 3y^2)dy = 0$

The LHS is an exact differential, the total differential of  $f(x,y) = 3x^2y + 5xy + y^3$ .

Thus  $3x^2y + 5xy + y^3 = C$  is a solution to the ODE.

How do we recognize exact differentials?

Theorem 9.3:  $P(x,y)dx + Q(x,y)dy = 0$  is exact (Tenenbaum) if and only if

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} P(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} Q(x,y),$$

where  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$  all exist and are continuous in a simply connected region  $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Proof. See Lesson 9B, Tenenbaum.

Ex.  $2x dx + 3y dy = 0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2x) = 0 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(3y) = 0. \quad \text{Exact}$$

$$(2x + \sin y)dx + (x \cos y + y^2 - 3y)dy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2x + \sin y) = \cos y \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x \cos y + y^2 - 3y) = \cos y$$

Exact

Mentimeter  $\left( \frac{2xy + 1}{y} \right) dx + \left( \frac{y - x}{y^2} \right) dy = 0$