

1.7 Existence and Uniqueness of solutions.

Consider IVP

$$y' = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0. \quad (1)$$

Case 1.

$$|y'| + |y| = 0. \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y > 0, \quad y' > 0$$

$$y' + y \approx 0. \quad y = ce^{-x}. \quad y = e^{-x} > 0. \quad y' = -e^{-x} < 0. \quad (x)$$

$$\text{ii) } :$$

No solution except $y = 0$. \rightarrow existence?

Case 2.

$$y' = x, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C. \quad y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 1. \quad : \text{one solution}$$

Case 3.

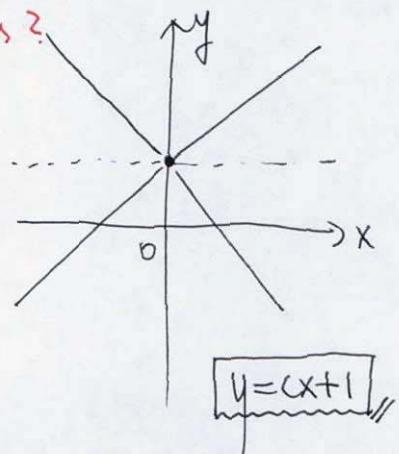
$$xy' = y - 1. \quad y(0) = 1$$

\rightarrow uniqueness?

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = y - 1. \quad \frac{dy}{y-1} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\ln|y-1| = \ln|x| + c^*$$

$$|y-1| = c|x|. \quad (c > 0)$$



$$\text{i) } x > 0, \quad y > 1 : \quad y - 1 = cx. \quad y = cx + 1$$

$$\text{ii) } x > 0, \quad y < 1 : \quad -y + 1 = cx. \quad y = -cx + 1$$

$$\text{iii) } x < 0, \quad y > 1 : \quad y - 1 = -cx. \quad y = -cx + 1$$

$$\text{iv) } x < 0, \quad y < 1 : \quad -y + 1 = cx. \quad y = cx + 1$$

infinitely many solutions

[Problem of existence : Under what conditions does an IVP have at least one solution ?]

" Uniqueness : " have at most one solution ?

Theorem 1 Existence Theorem $y' = f(x,y)$, $y(x_0) = y_0$

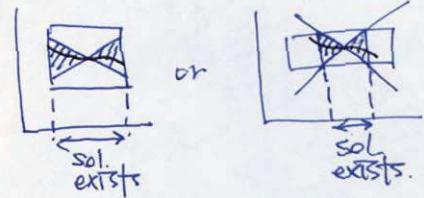
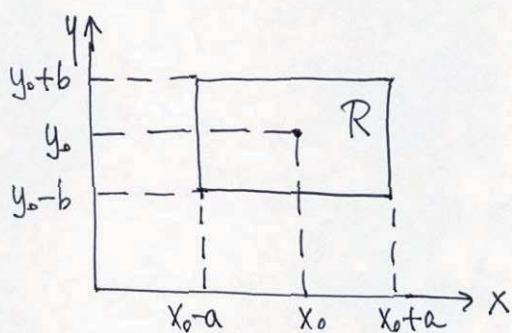
If $f(x,y)$ continuous at all pts (x,y) in some rectangle

$$R: |x-x_0| < a, |y-y_0| < b$$

and bounded in R , say, $|f(x,y)| \leq K$,

then IVP (I) has at least one solution.

f : slope, if bounded



Theorem 2 Uniqueness Thm

If $f(x,y)$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous for all (x,y) in R and bounded, then IVP (I) has at most one solution $y(x)$.

+ by Thm 1 \rightarrow IVP has precisely one solution.

case 1.

$$|y'| = -|y|.$$

case 2.

$$y' = x = f$$

$$\begin{cases} x_0 = 0 \\ y_0 = 1 \end{cases}$$

f : continuous, bounded

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$: continuous, bounded

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case 3.

$$y' = \frac{y-1}{x} = f(x, y) \quad (0, 1)$$