

Section 1.1

Why do we care - important tool to model growth and changes

Derivatives - rate of change

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

Different types: ODE, PDE

ODE - "Simple", only involving 1 Variable

PDE - "Complex", involving several Variables

Ex: ODE = $y'' - \cos x y' + y = 3x$

PDE = $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

Order - highest derivative, tells you how many solutions might be there

↳ 1st = $y' - 2xy - y^2 = 0$

↳ 2nd = $y'' - \cos x y' + y = 3x$

if $y' = 0$ then $y = c$ is a solution

if $y'' = 0$ then $y = x, 0, 2x, 3x, 5x+2 = \underbrace{ax+b}_{\text{general solution}} = \text{any constant solution}$
 Special solutions

Linearity: An n^{th} order ODE is linear if it is of the form as follows:

↳ $a_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = g(x)$

Ex: Linear = $y'' - \cos x y' + y = 3x$

nonLinear = $(y')^2 = x^2 y^2$ because $y' \cdot y' = \text{multiplication between 2 derivatives}$

Homogeneity: $g(x) = 0$

Ex: $y' - 2xy - y^2 = 0$

non homogeneity: does not equal 0, $g(x) \neq 0$

Ex: $y'' - \cos x y' + y = 3x$

Solution: Verifies the equation

Ex: $y' - 3y = 0 \rightarrow y = c e^{3x} \rightarrow y' = 3c e^{3x} = 3y \rightarrow y' - 3y = 0$ So $y = c e^{3x}$ is a solution

Section 1.2 - initial value problems

IVP: solving $F(x, y, \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$ (2 steps)

Subject to $\begin{cases} y(x_0) = y_1 \\ y'(x_0) = y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_n \end{cases}$

Constraints = n^{th} order

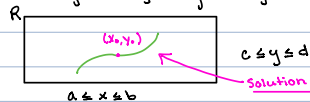
Ex: $y' = 3x^2$ (D.E.), $y(2) = -1$ (IVP)

1. general solution: $y = x^3 + c, y' = 3x^2 + 0$

2. Find constants next: $y(2) = 2^3 + c = -1 \rightarrow c = -9$, so $y = x^3 - 9$ is a solution to IVP.

Fund. Existence and uniqueness Theorem

Consider 1st order $y' = F(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0$



Hypothesis: $F(x, y)$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$ are cont. on R (rectangle)

Conclusion: There is a solution!

Ex: $y' = -y^2, y(0) = 1, F(x, y) = -y^2, F_y = -2y$ are contin in \mathbb{R}^2 then \Rightarrow IVP has a unique solution

Theorem for 1st order linear IVP.

Normal form: $a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = g(x), y(x_0) = y_0$

$\Leftrightarrow y' = \frac{g(x) - a_0(x)y}{a_1(x)} = F(x, y)$

Hypothesis: $g(x), a_0(x), a_1(x)$ are cont. on some interval I

$a_1(x) \neq 0$ on I

Conclusion: There is a solution on I

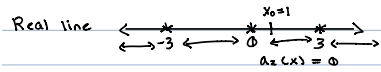
Ex: $(x^2 - 9)y' + x \cos xy = \frac{x+1}{x}$, $y(1) = 5$ ← Linear

$$a_1(x) = x^2 - 9, a_0(x) = x \cos x, g(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}$$

$a_1(x), a_0(x)$ are cont. everywhere

$g(x)$ is cont. as long as $x \neq 0$

$a_1(x) = 0$ at $x = \pm 3$



Maximal interval = largest interval containing $x_0 = (0, 3)$, so that is a unique solution to IVP $(0, 3)$