

## 10. DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (8/11/2023)

Goals.

- (1) Differential equations
  - (a) What is a differential equation?
  - (b) What is a solution to a differential equation?
  - (c) Plugging ansatz into equations

Last Time. Optimization(1) If  $f$  is defined on  $[a, b]$ , at  $x_0$ 

(a)  $f$  has a local min if for  $x$  near  $x_0$ ,  $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$   
 $x_0$  can be endpoint (max)  $(f(x) \leq f(x_0))$

(b)  $f$  has a global min on  $[a, b]$  if for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$   
 (max)  $(f(x) \leq f(x_0))$

Theorem: Let  $f$  be cts  $[a, b]$  ("closed interval method")  
 (1)  $f$  has a global max/min on  $[a, b]$

(2) Any local extremum occurs at one of critical pt  
 singular pt  
 endpoint.

## Equality in mathematics

Usually, when we write  $A=B$  we are making an assertion: we claim two mathematical objects are equal

Ex.  $5+7=6+6$  (true) (assertions can be true or false)  
 $\frac{d(x^2)}{dx} = x$  (false)

## Equations

Sometimes we interpret  $A=B$  as an equation:  
in that case  $A, B$  depend on unknown(s), ~~the~~ and  $A, B$  might be equal or not depending on the unknowns  
The solutions are the values for the unknown(s) that create true equalities

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- ① To check if  $y=a$  solves an equation, replace/plugin  $a$  for  $y$ , see if we get an equality.
- ② Equations can have multiple solutions

# Differential Equations

- ① Unknowns will be **functions**
- ② desired equality is of "
- ③ Equation involves derivatives of the unknown functions

otherwise same idea

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### 1. DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

(1) For each equation: Is  $y = 3$  a solution? Is  $y = 2$  a solution? What are *all* the solutions?

$y^2 = 4$ $3^2 = 9 \neq 4 \text{ so } 3 \text{ is not a solution}$ $2^2 = 4 \text{ so } 2 \text{ is a solution}$ $y^2 = 4 \Leftrightarrow (y-2)(y+2) = 0$ <p>all solutions: <math>\pm 2</math>.</p>	$y^2 = 3y$ $3^2 = 3 \cdot 3 \text{ so } 3 \text{ is a solution}$ $2^2 = 4 \neq 6 = 3 \cdot 2 \text{ so } 2 \text{ is not a solution}$ $y^2 = 3y \Leftrightarrow y(y-3) = 0$ <p>so solutions are 0, 3</p>
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(2) For each equation: Is  $y(x) = x^2$  a solution? Is  $y(x) = e^x$  a solution?

$\frac{dy}{dx} = y$ $\frac{d(x^2)}{dx} = 2x \neq x^2 \quad X$ <p>not same function even if graphs intersect at some <math>x</math>.</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> $\frac{d(e^x)}{dx} = e^x \quad \checkmark$	$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 4y$ $\left(\frac{d(x^2)}{dx}\right)^2 = 4x^2 = 4 \cdot x^2 \quad \checkmark$ $\left(\frac{d(e^x)}{dx}\right)^2 = e^{2x} \neq 4 \cdot e^x \quad X$
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(4) Which of the following (if any) is a solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$

A.  $y = -x$ ;

B.  $y = x+5$

C.  $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 5}$

(3) Which of the following (if any) is a solution of  $\frac{dz}{dt} + t^2 - 1 = z$  (challenge: find more solutions):

A.  $z(t) = t^2$ ;

B.  $z(t) = t^2 + 2t + 1$

$$\frac{d(t^2)}{dt} + t^2 - 1 = 2t + t^2 - 1 \neq t^2 \quad \text{but (A not a solution)}$$

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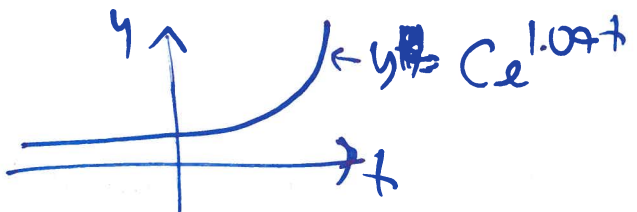
$$\frac{d(t^2 + 2t + 1)}{dt} + t^2 - 1 = 2t + 2 + t^2 - 1 = t^2 + 2t + 1 \quad \checkmark$$

(B is a solution)

(write equation as  $\frac{dz}{dt} - z = 1 - t^2$ )

- (5) The balance of a bank account satisfies the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 1.04y$  (this represents interest of 4% compounded continuously). Sketch the solutions to the differential equation. What is the solution for which  $y(0) = \$100$ ?

$y(t) = e^{1.04t}$  is a solution, in fact  $y(t) = Ce^{1.04t}$  is the general solution (C arbitrary constant)  $\leftarrow$  family of solutions covering all solutions



the particular solution with  $y(0) = 100$  has  $C \cdot e^{1.04 \cdot 0} = 100$   
 so  $C = 100$ , and the solution is  $100e^{1.04t}$

- (6) Suppose  $\frac{dy}{dx} = ay$ ,  $\frac{dz}{dx} = bz$ . Can you find a differential equation satisfied by  $w = \frac{y}{z}$ ? Hint: calculate  $\frac{dw}{dx}$ .

# Examples of Differential Equations

(1)  $y' = ry$     know: solution is  $y(t) = y(0)e^{rt}$  ;  
(~~the~~) (general solution  $Ce^{rt}$ )

(2)  $F = ma$  :  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{m} F(x, \frac{dx}{dt}, t)$     (Newton)

(3) Wave equation in musical instrument

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Ansatz: Family of <sup>function</sup> ~~solutions~~ we guess might contain a ~~to~~ true solutions.

Family will depend on parameters, whether a member works will be an algebraic equation for the parameter values



(9) Consider the equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = a(y - b)$ .

(a) Define a new function  $u(t) = y(t) - b$ . What is the differential equation satisfied by  $u$ ?

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} = a(y - b) = au \quad \Big| \quad \text{or} \quad y = u + b \quad : \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = au$$

~~so~~  
so need  $u(t) = Ce^{at}$

$$\text{so } \boxed{y(t) = b + Ce^{at}}$$

(b) What is the general solution for  $u(t)$ ?

(c) What is the general solution for  $y(t)$ ?

(d) Suppose  $a < 0$ . What is the asymptotic behaviour of the solution as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

$y(t)$  converges to  $b$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , exponentially fast

(in fact  $y(t) \equiv b$  is a solution: "steady state"  
"equilibrium"  
"fixed point")

(e) Suppose we are given the *initial value*  $y(0)$ . What is  $C$ ? What is the formula for  $y(t)$  using this?

$$\text{If } y(0) = y_0 \text{ then } b + C \cdot e^0 = y_0$$

$$\text{so } C = y_0 - b$$

$$y(t) = b + (y_0 - b) \cdot e^{at}$$

(10) Example: *Newton's law of cooling*. Suppose we place an object of temperature  $T(0)$  in an environment of temperature  $T_{\text{env}}$ . It turns out that a good model for the temperature  $T(t)$  of the object at time  $t$  is

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_{\text{env}})$$

where  $k > 0$  is a positive constant.

(a) Suppose  $T(t) > T_{\text{env}}$ . Is  $T'(t)$  positive or negative? What if  $T(t) < T_{\text{env}}$ ? Explain this in words.

(b) A body is found at 1:30am and its temperature is measured to be  $32.5^\circ\text{C}$ . At 2:30am its temperature is found to be  $30.3^\circ\text{C}$ . The temperature of the room in which the body was found is measured to be  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and we have no reason to believe the ambient temperature has changed. What was the time of death?

Use  $u(t) = T(t) - 20^\circ$ ,  $t =$  time in hours since 1:30am

By NLC,  $u(t)$  decays exponentially:

$$u'(t) = -k u(t) \text{ for some } k,$$

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

Know:  $u(0) = 32.5 - 20 \Rightarrow C = 12.5$  ( $C = u(0)$ )

$$u(1) = 30.3 - 20 \Rightarrow 12.5 \cdot e^{-k} = 10.3$$

so  $k = \log \frac{12.5}{10.3}$  (sanity check,  $\log \frac{12.5}{10.3} > 0$ )

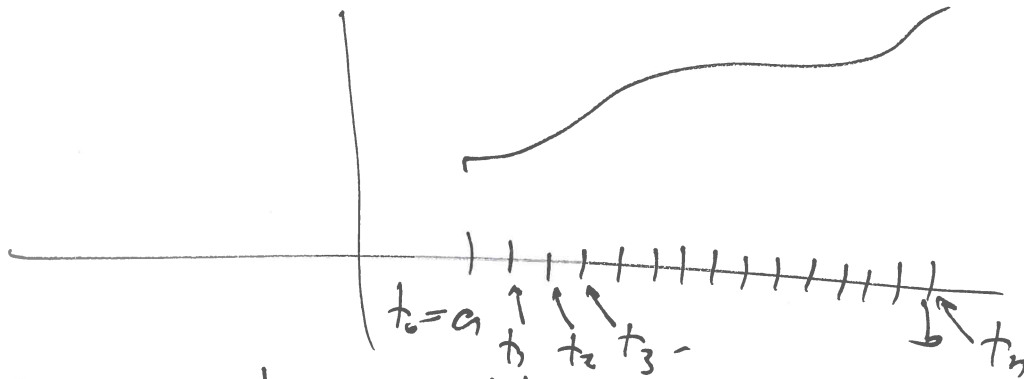
At time of death expect.

$$u(t) = 37^\circ - 20^\circ \text{ so } 12.5 \cdot e^{-\left(\log \frac{12.5}{10.3}\right)t} = 17$$

so  $t = -\frac{\log(17/12.5)}{\log(12.5/10.3)}$  hours (sanity check: this is negative)

# Numerical solution

Idea: Want to solve  $y' = F(y, t)$  on  $[a, b]$   
by computer



① divide interval into  $n$  sub-intervals of length  $h = \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ .

② compute guesses  $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k$

for  $y(t_k)$  =  
 $y_0$  is given ("initial condition")

given  $y_k \approx f(t_k)$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  guess  $F(y_k, t)$  for  $y'(t_k)$

now guess  $y_{k+1}$  for  $y(t_{k+1}) = y(t_k + h)$

$$y_{k+1} \approx y_k + F(y_k, t_k) \cdot h$$

(Euler Scheme)