

Board #3

Exponential Growth/Decay Equation

The solution to the initial-value problem

$$y' = ry, \quad y = y(t), \quad y(0) = y_0,$$

is  $y(t) = y_0 e^{rt}$

Logistic Growth Equation

The solution to initial-value problem

$$y' = ry(1 - \frac{y}{K}), \quad y = y(t), \quad y(0) = y_0, \text{ is}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{K}{1 - \frac{y_0 - K}{y_0} e^{-rt}}$$

In problems: start with correct equation,

then figure out the constants:  $y_0, r, K$   
only in logistic eqn.

Tr: did this in 2 examples for exponential eqn.

Works similarly for logistic equation

Can do this via direction field

$$y' = ry(1 - \frac{y}{K}), \quad y = y(t) \quad r, K \geq 0$$

0-slopes on lines  $y=0, y=K$

+ slopes if  $0 < y < K, \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow 0$  or  $K$

independent of  $t \leftrightarrow$  under horizontal shifts

- slopes if  $y < 0$  or  $y > K, \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow 0$  or  $K$

independent of  $t \leftrightarrow$  under horizontal shifts

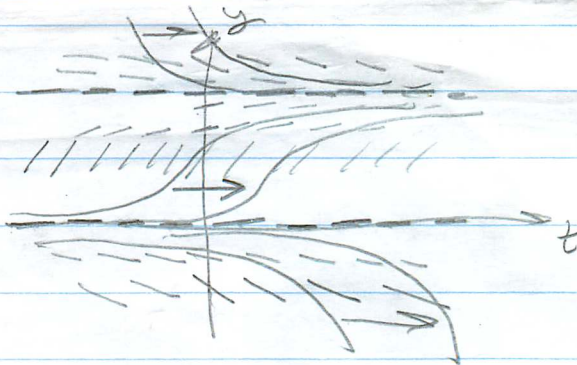
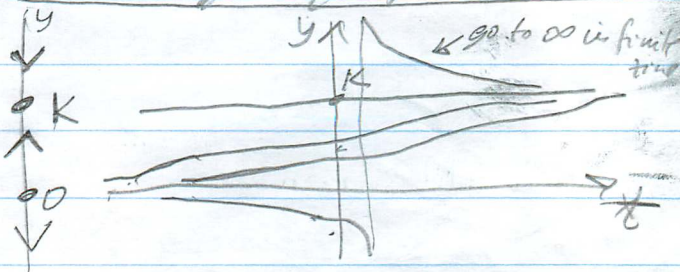
Can sketch solution curves: direction field

Does not change under horizontal shifts

$\Rightarrow$  horizontal shift of a solution curve

is another solution curve

Sketch from logistic eqn from solution



2. If  $y = g(t)$  is a solution, so is  $\tilde{y}(t) = y(t-a)$

graph of  $\tilde{y}$  = graph of  $y$  shifted by  $a$  to the right

True for every autonomous equation

$$y' = g(y), \quad y = y(t)$$

no explicit dependence on  $t$

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Next topics: 2nd-order linear homogeneous

diff. ODEs with constant coefficients:

$$Ay'' + By' + Cy = 0, \quad y = y(x)$$

2nd-order = involves  $y, y', y''$ ; no  $y'''$ , etc.

linear = linear in  $y$ : no  $y^2, yy', y'^2$ , etc.

linear homogeneous: no other terms, e.g. not  $y'' = 5$

constant coefficients:  $A, B, C = \text{const}$

Back to  $Ay'' + By' + Cy = 0, y = y(x), A, B, C = \text{const}$

$A=0$ :  $By' + Cy = 0, y = y(x)$  1st-order separable

$A \neq 0$ : assume  $A \neq 0$  ( $\Rightarrow$  can divide by  $A$ ):

$$y'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad y = y(x)$$

$\hookrightarrow B/A \quad \hookrightarrow C/A$

How to solve this?

(a) Compute  $y', y''$ :  $y'(x) = re^{rx}, y''(x) = r^2e^{rx}$

Plug in into eqn:  $2r^2e^{rx} + re^{rx} - e^{rx} = 0$

$$e^{rx}(2r^2 + r - 1) = 0 \quad (*)$$

holds for all  $x$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow 2r^2 + r - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (r-1)(r+1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r = \frac{1}{2}, r = -1$$

Solving  $Ay'' + By' + Cy = 0, y = y(x), A, B, C = \text{const}$

(1) Find roots  $r_1, r_2$  of associated polynomial

$$Ar^2 + Br + C = 0$$

$\Rightarrow e^{r_1x}, e^{r_2x}$  = solutions of diff. eqn

(2) if  $r_1 \neq r_2, y(x) = C_1 e^{r_1x} + C_2 e^{r_2x}$

is the general solution

Important property: if  $y_1 = y_1(x), y_2 = y_2(x)$  are solutions of (2nd-order) homogeneous linear eqn,

then so is  $y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x), C_1, C_2 = \text{const}$

Check:  $y'(x) = C_1 y_1'(x) + C_2 y_2'(x), y''(x) = C_1 y_1''(x) + C_2 y_2''(x)$

$$\Rightarrow Ay'' + By' + Cy = A(C_1 y_1'' + C_2 y_2'') + B(C_1 y_1' + C_2 y_2') + C(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)$$

$$= C_1 (A y_1'' + B y_1' + C y_1) + C_2 (A y_2'' + B y_2' + C y_2) = C_1 \cdot 0 + C_2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Example (HW1 WA1B)  $2y'' + y' - y = 0, y = y(x)$

(a) Find  $r$  so that  $y(x) = e^{rx}$  is a solution of this

(b) If  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the two values you found, show that  $y(x) = C_1 e^{r_1x} + C_2 e^{r_2x}$  is also a solution.

Important Property  $\Rightarrow$  (b): if  $y_1(x) = e^{r_1x}, y_2(x) = e^{r_2x}$  are solutions, so is  $y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$

$\therefore$  To find solutions of  $2y'' + y' - y = 0$

do not erase

$\therefore$  To find solutions of  $2y'' + y' - y = 0$ , find roots  $r_1, r_2$  of  $2r^2 + r - 1 = 0$ ;

then  $y_1(x) = e^{r_1x}, y_2(x) = e^{r_2x}$  are solutions  $\Rightarrow$  so is  $y(x) = C_1 e^{r_1x} + C_2 e^{r_2x}$

Easy: if  $r_1$  is a root of  $Ar^2 + Br + C = 0$ , then

$y(x) = e^{r_1x}$  is a solution of  $Ay'' + By' + Cy = 0$

$$y' = r_1 e^{r_1x}, y'' = r_1^2 e^{r_1x}$$

$$\Rightarrow Ay'' + By' + Cy = e^{r_1x} (A r_1^2 + B r_1 + C) = 0$$

HW4, Problem D

$\Rightarrow$  if  $r_1, r_2$  are roots and  $y = y(x)$ , then  $y(x) = C_1 e^{r_1x} + C_2 e^{r_2x}$  for some constants  $C_1, C_2$

over

Potential issues:

(1)  $r_1 \neq r_2$  not real,  $r_1, r_2 = \frac{p \pm i q}{2}$   
 $p = -B/A, q = \sqrt{(B/A)^2 + 4(C/A)}$

(2)  $r_1 = r_2$

(1), (2)  $\rightarrow$  next time

Exchange: 1-day

Roots of  $r^2 - 4 = 0$ :  $r = \pm 2$

$\rightarrow$  the general solution is

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

Example 1: Find the general solution to

$$y'' - 4y = 0, y = y(x)$$

Need to find roots of associated polynomial.

Careful with coefficients!  $1 \cdot y'' - 0 \cdot y' + 4 \cdot y = 0$   
 $\rightarrow 1 \cdot r^2 - 0 \cdot r + 4 \cdot 1 = 0$

$\therefore$  Associated polynomial is  $r^2 - 4 = 0$

Example 2: Find the general solution to

$$y'' - y' - 6 = 0.$$

Same as  $1 \cdot y'' - 1 \cdot y' - 6 = 0$

$$\rightarrow 1 \cdot r^2 - 1 \cdot r - 6 = 0$$

$$(r-3)(r+2) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1, r_2 = 3, -2$$

$\therefore y(x) = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$  is the general solution

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On WebAssign: use A and B for  $C_1, C_2$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  B.C. 4

Initial value solution?

