

# First-ORDER ODEs

Standard form:  $y' = f(x, y)$

## I. Geometric view of ODEs

Analytic:

$$y' = f(x, y)$$



Geometric  
Direction field.

Find the analytic solution  $y_1(x)$

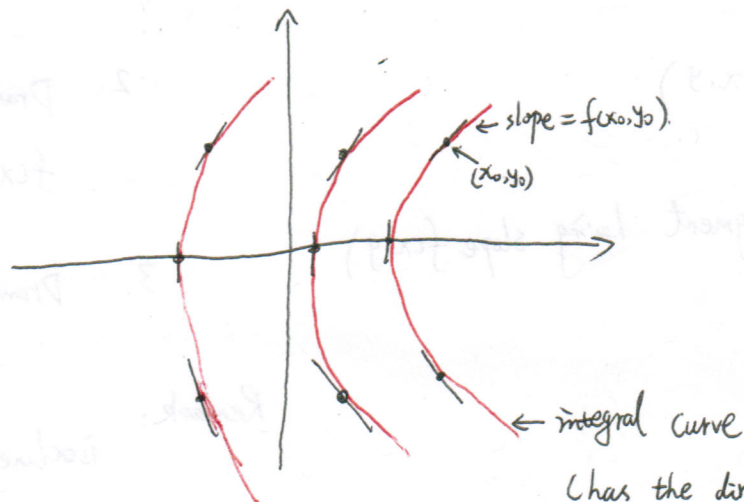
Such that  $y_1'(x) = f(x, y_1(x))$



integral curve

Direction field [ small line segment with slope =  $f(x_0, y_0)$   
at the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  ]

Integral curve [ A curve go through the plane and at every  
point is tangent to the small line segment ]



Has the direction of the field everywhere

Remark: Writing down the differential equation is the same thing as drawing the direction field.

Solving analytically for a solution is the same thing as drawing the integral curve geometrically.

$y_1(x)$  solution to  $y' = f(x, y) \iff$  the graph of  $y_1(x)$  is an integral curve.

How to draw direction field?

Computer

1. pick the point  $(x, y)$  as many as you want.
2. Compute  $f(x, y)$
3. draw line segment having slope  $f(x, y)$

Human.

1. pick the slope  $C$
2. Draw the curve (isocline)  
 $f(x, y) = C$
3. Draw line segment

Remark:

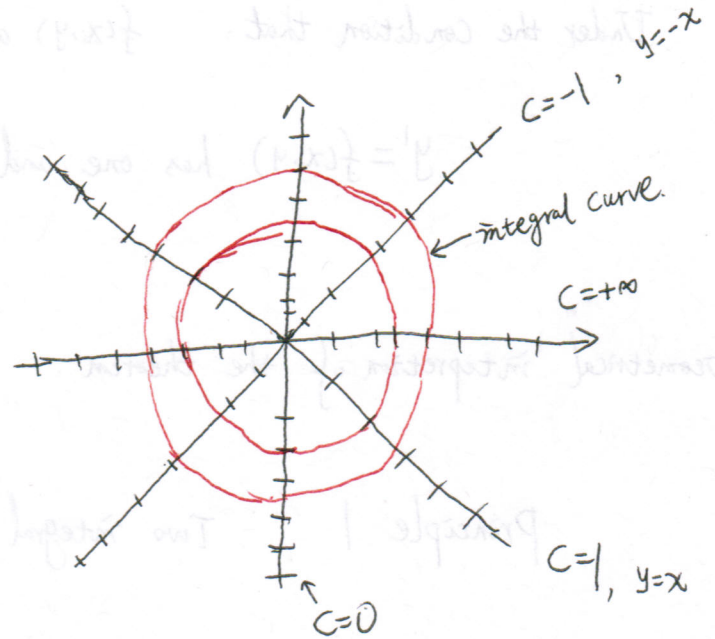
isocline contains all the points in the plane where the slope of line segments would be  $C$ .

Example 1

$$y' = -\frac{x}{y}$$

isoclines

$$-\frac{x}{y} = C \Leftrightarrow y = -\frac{1}{C}x$$



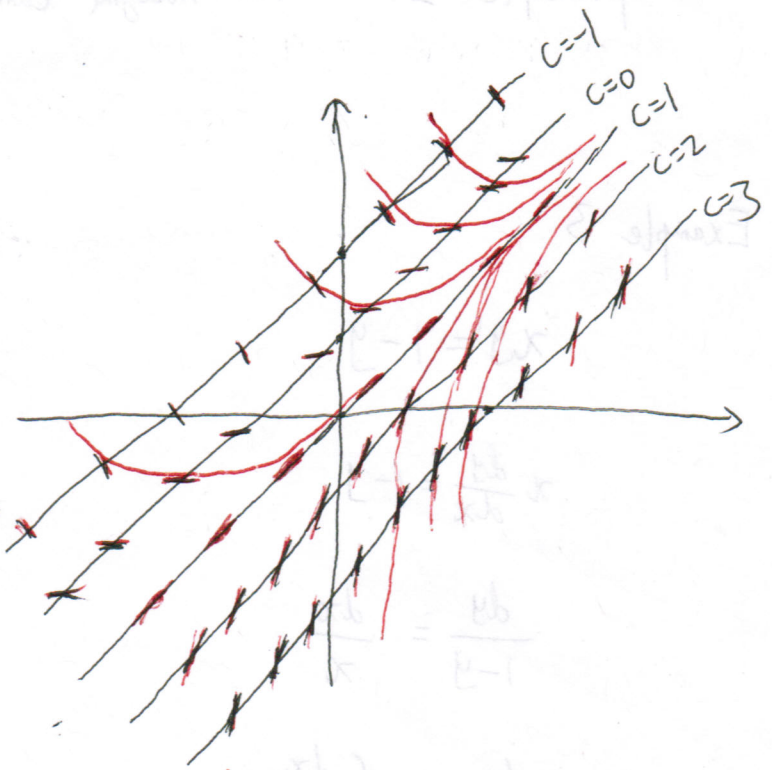
Example 2.

~~$$y' = \frac{1}{e}x$$~~

$$y' = 1 + x - y$$

isoclines

$$1 + x - y = C \Leftrightarrow y = x + 1 - C$$



## II Solving the equation analytically.

Separation of variable:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) \cdot h(y)$$

separating the variable:

$$\frac{dy}{h(y)} = g(x) dx$$

integrating both side

$$\int \frac{dy}{h(y)} = \int g(x) dx$$

Example 4.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{y}, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$y dy = x^2 dx$$

$$\int y dy = \int x^2 dx$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

To find  $C$ , use the initial condition.

$$\frac{y(0)^2}{2} = \frac{0^3}{3} + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

## Uniqueness and Existence Theorem.

Under the condition that:  $f(x,y)$  and  $f_y(x,y)$  is continuous near  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

$y' = f(x,y)$  has one and only one solution through the point  $(x_0, y_0)$

### Geometrical interpretation of the theorem.

Principle 1. Two integral curve can not cross.

Principle 2. Two integral curve can not touch (tangent)

### Example 3

$$xy' = 1 - y$$

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

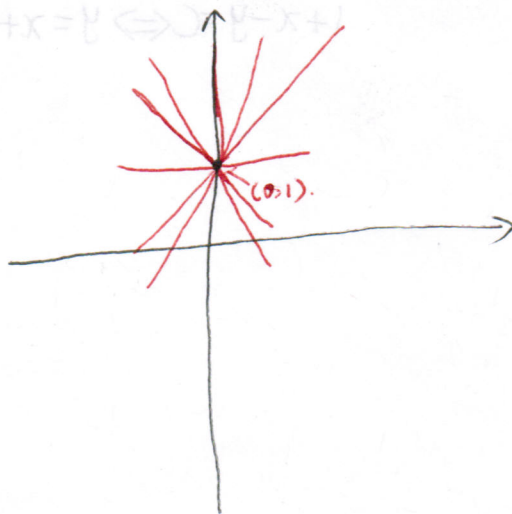
$$\frac{dy}{1-y} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

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

$$-\ln(1-y) = \ln x + C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1-y = C_1 x$$

Draw the solution from the analytical solution for all values of  $C_1$ .



No uniqueness at the point  $(0, 1)$ .

Is it a violation of the theorem?

No,  $f(x,y) = \frac{1-y}{x}$ , which is discontinuous at  $x=0$ , thus the theorem can not guarantee the uniqueness.

## First order linear Equation.

$$\text{Standard linear form: } y' + p(x)y = q(x).$$

What makes  $\int p(x) dx$  a integrating factor is that, after I multiple the DE by  $u$ , I want it turn out to be  $(uy)'$  in the left hand side.

$$\text{LHS} = uy' + upy \stackrel{?}{=} (uy)' = uy' + u'y$$

it works if  $u' = up$   $\xrightarrow{\text{solve it by separation of variable}}$   $u = e^{\int p(x) dx}$ .

$$\text{RHS} = u(x)q(x)$$

Method:

$$y' + p(x)y = q(x)$$

- ① Transform it into standard linear form.
- ② Calculate integrating factor  $e^{\int p(x) dx}$
- ③ multiply ① by  $e^{\int p(x) dx}$

Example 5  $xy' - y = x^3$

①  $y' - \frac{y}{x} = x^2$

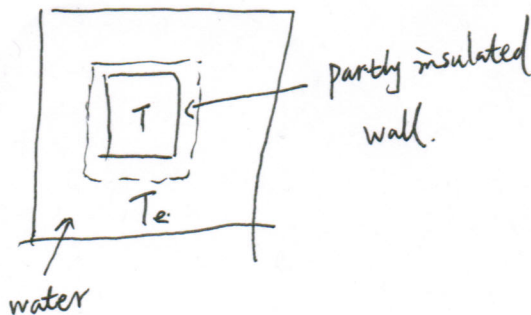
②  $e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\ln x} = \frac{1}{x}$

③  $\frac{1}{x}(y' - \frac{y}{x}) = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x}y' - \frac{1}{x^2}y = x \Rightarrow (\frac{1}{x}y)' = x$

integrating  $\frac{1}{x}y = \int x dx \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x}y = \frac{x^2}{2} + C \Leftrightarrow y = \frac{x^3}{2} + C$

Model

Temp-diffusion.



What is differential equation to model

this situation

(Newton's cooling law)

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T_e - T)$$

T is Temperature, t is time

Standard linear form:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} + kT = kT_e$$

$\uparrow$  usually constant       $\uparrow$  change with time.