

**§2.4**

#1: Determine and interval in which a solution to the IVP is guaranteed to exist without solving the IVP.

$$(t - 3)y' + \ln(t)y = 2t; \quad y(1) = 2$$

First we put the ODE into standard form:

$$y' + \frac{\ln(t)}{(t-3)}y = \frac{2t}{(t-3)}$$

then we see that  $p(t) = \frac{\ln(t)}{(t-3)}$ , while  $g(t) = \frac{2t}{(t-3)}$ . Now,  $p(t) = \frac{\ln(t)}{(t-3)}$  is continuous on the intervals  $I_{p1} = (0, 3)$  and  $I_{p2} = (3, +\infty)$  while  $g(t) = \frac{2t}{(t-3)}$  is continuous on the intervals  $I_{g1} = (-\infty, 3)$  and  $I_{g2} = (3, +\infty)$ . Thus we see that both  $p(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are continuous on  $I_{p1}$  and  $I_{p2} = I_{g2}$ . However, the initial condition is at  $t = 1, y(t) = 2$ ;  $t = 1$  is in the interval  $I_{p1} = (0, 3)$ , thus we are guaranteed a solution on the interval  $I_{p1} = (0, 3)$ .

#4: Determine and interval in which a solution to the IVP is guaranteed to exist without solving the IVP.

$$(4 - t^2)y' + 2ty = 3t^2; \quad y(-3) = 1$$

First we put the ODE into standard form:

$$y' + \frac{2t}{(4-t^2)}y = \frac{3t^2}{(4-t^2)}$$

This time we see that both  $p(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are continuous on the same domains, i.e.  $I_1 = (-\infty, -2), I_2 = (-2, 2)$ , and  $I_3 = (2, +\infty)$ . So, since  $t = -3 \in I_1 = (-\infty, -2)$  we have a guaranteed solution on  $I_1 = (-\infty, -2)$ .

#5: Determine and interval in which a solution to the IVP is guaranteed to exist without solving the IVP.

$$(4 - t^2)y' + 2ty = 3t^2; \quad y(1) = -3$$

This problem is the same as #4 except that the initial condition has changed. So we note that  $t = 1 \in I_2 = (-2, 2)$  so a solution is guaranteed on the interval  $I_2 = (-2, 2)$ .

#8: State the region where the hypotheses of Theorem 2.4.2 are valid for the following ODE.

$$y' = \sqrt{1 - (t^2 + y^2)}$$

In this case  $f(t, y) = \sqrt{1 - (t^2 + y^2)}$  which is continuous throughout the unit-disc in the  $(t, y)$  plane. Furthermore:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - (t^2 + y^2)}}$$

so we see that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  is continuous everywhere in the unit-disc, except on the boundary. Thus the hypotheses of Theorem 2.4.2 are satisfied on  $\{(t, y) : t^2 + y^2 < 1\}$

#9: State the region where the hypotheses of Theorem 2.4.2 are valid for the following ODE.

$$y' = \frac{\ln |ty|}{1 - t^2 - y^2}$$

Here we have

$$f(t, y) = \frac{\ln |ty|}{1 - t^2 - y^2}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{y(1 - t^2 - y^2)} - 2y \frac{\ln |ty|}{(1 - t^2 - y^2)^2}$$

Thus we see that these are continuous on the set  $\{(t, y) : t \neq 0, y \neq 0 \text{ and } (t^2 - y^2) \neq 1\}$

#15: Solve the following IVP and determine how the interval in which the solution exists depends on the initial value.

$$y' + y^3 = 0; \quad y(0) = y_0$$

Separating variables and integrating we get:

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{2t + K}$$

Solving for the initial condition gives  $K = \frac{1}{y_0^2}$ . Substituting this back into the equation and simplifying we get:

$$y(t) = +\sqrt{\frac{y_0^2}{2y_0^2 t + 1}}$$

Since  $y_0^2 > 0$  we see that the above is defined as long as  $(2y_0^2 t + 1) > 0$ . Thus our interval on which the solution exists is  $t > -\frac{1}{2y_0^2}$ .

#22: Explain why the existence of the two solutions  $y_1(t) = 1 - t$  and  $y_2(t) = -\frac{t^2}{4}$  to the IVP

$$y' = \frac{-t + (t^2 + 4y)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}; \quad y(2) = -1$$

does not contradict Theorem 2.4.2.

Theorem 2.4.2 guarantees a unique solution for every point in the region  $y > -\frac{t^2}{4}$ . The point  $(-1, 2)$  does not satisfy this property, so no unique solution is guaranteed. c) If we let  $y = ct + c^2$  where  $c$  is some constant. Then we note that  $y' = c$  furthermore:

$$\frac{-t + (t^2 + 4y)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} = \frac{-t + (t^2 + 4(ct + c^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$$

and

$$\frac{-t + (t^2 + 4(ct + c^2))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} = \frac{-t + (t^2 + 4ct + 4c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} = \frac{-t + [(t + 2c)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$$

thus when we take  $\sqrt{(t + 2c)^2}$  we require that  $t \geq -2c$  so that we can only take the positive square root, to get:

$$c = y' = \frac{-t + (t^2 + 4y)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} = \frac{-t + [(t + 2c)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} = c$$

Obviously for  $c = -1$  we get  $y_1(t) = 1 - t$ , and trying to solve for  $c$  such that  $y_2(t) = -\frac{t^2}{4} = ct + c^2$  we get that  $t = -2c$ , thus there is no constant  $c$  such that  $-\frac{t^2}{4} = ct + c^2$ .

#24: Show that if  $y = \phi(t)$  is a solution to  $y' + p(t)y = 0$  then  $y_c(t) = c\phi(t)$  is also a solution.

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Let  $y_c(t)$  be as above. Then  $y'_c(t) = [c\phi(t)]' = c\phi'(t)$ . Substituting into the equation we get:

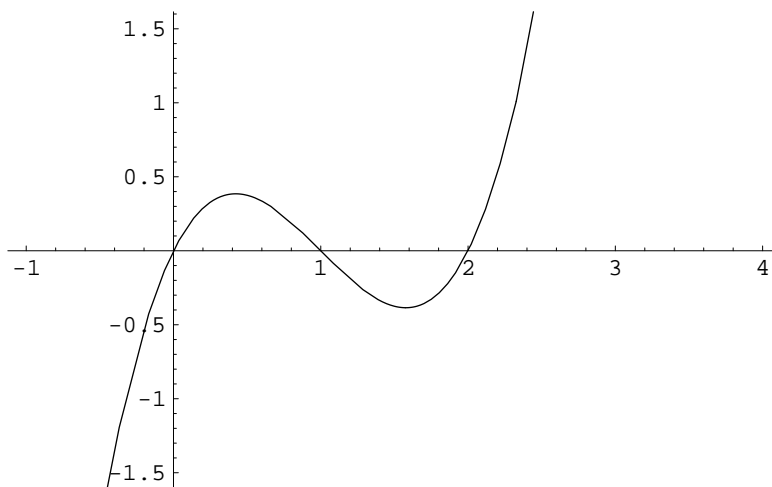
$$y'_c + p(t)y_c = c\phi' + p(t)c\phi = c(\phi' + p(t)\phi) = c \cdot 0 = 0$$

Thus  $y_c(t) = c\phi(t)$  is a solution.

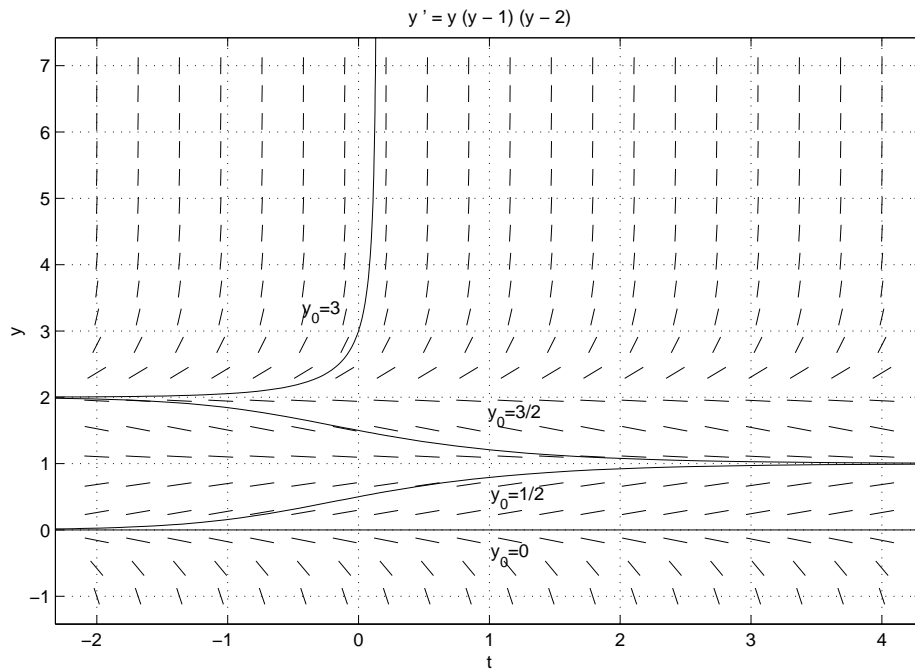
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#3: Show the graph of  $f(y)$  versus  $y$  and classify the critical points.

$$y' = y(y - 1)(y - 2); \quad y_0 \geq 0$$

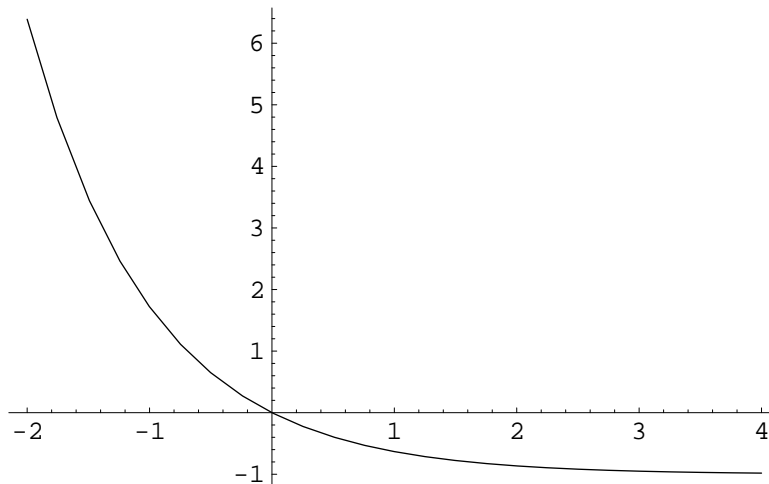


Thus we see that the equilibrium points are  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ ,  $y = 2$  and from the image below we see that  $y = 0$ , and  $y = 2$  are unstable, while  $y = 1$  is stable.

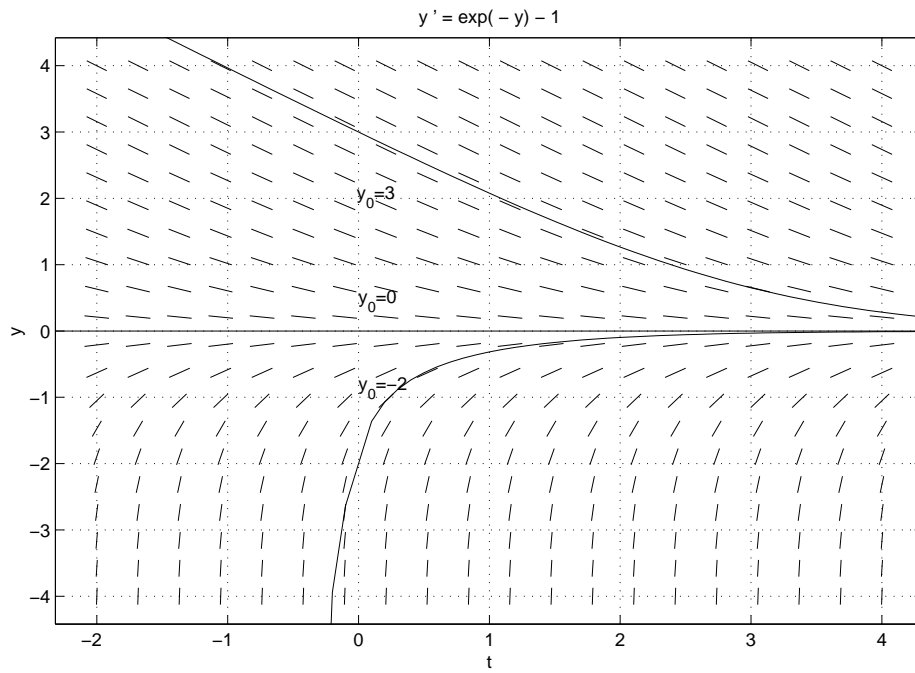


#5: Show the graph of  $f(y)$  versus  $y$  and classify the critical points.

$$y' = e^{-y} - 1; \quad -\infty < y_0, +\infty$$



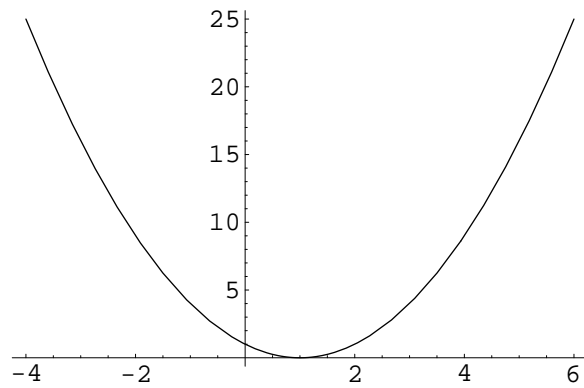
Thus we see that the only equilibrium point is  $y = 0$ , and from the following image we deduce that it is a stable point.



#7: Consider the ODE:

$$y' = k(1 - y)^2; \quad k > 0$$

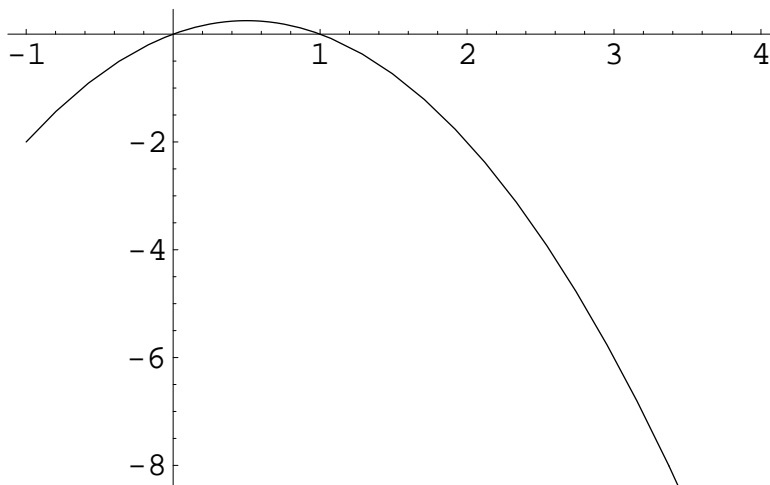
Notice that  $y = 1$  is an equilibrium point, but  $y' > 0$  for all  $y \neq 1$ , as can be seen by the following graph:



#22: Consider the following ODE which is an approximate model for the rate of growth of an infected population:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \alpha y(1 - y); \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad \alpha > 0$$

The equilibrium points are  $y = 0$  and  $y = 1$ . As can be seen from the following graph  $y = 0$  is unstable while  $y = 1$  is stable.



To solve this equation we separate variables:

$$\frac{dy}{y(1-y)} = \alpha dt$$

then we must integrate. The left hand side requires that we use partial-fractions, that is we assume that:

$$\frac{1}{y(1-y)} = \frac{A}{y} + \frac{B}{1-y}$$

and then solve for  $A$  and  $B$ . Doing this we get:

$$\ln\left(\frac{y}{1-y}\right) = \alpha t + c$$

Solving for  $y(t)$  with the IC  $y(0) = y_0$  we get:

$$y(t) = \frac{y_0 e^{\alpha t}}{[1 + y_0(1 - e^{\alpha t})]}$$

Notice that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 1$ . A few solutions are plotted in the figure below. Note that here the only solutions with a “real” interpretation are those corresponding to  $0 < y_0 < 1$  since  $y(t)$  represents the proportion of the population infected at time  $t$ .

