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## Math 2203 - Tutorial #1

ODE vs. PDE: ODE has a single independent variable, whereas a PDE has at least two independent variables.

e.g.  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0$  [O.D.E.]

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  [PDE]

Order: highest derivative.

1. State the order of the following DE. Linear?

a  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2}$

Not linear b/c  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$  under  $\sqrt{\quad}$ .

b  $(\sin t)y''' - (\cos t)y' = 10$ . order 3. Linear.

2. Is the piece-wise defined function a solution to the given DE on the interval provided? Explain.

a  $y = \begin{cases} -x^2, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ ,  $xy' - 2y = 0$ ,  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

of the...  
 $\ln 2 - 3 = -1.103$   
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Solution to #2  
 on page 3.

b)  $y = \begin{cases} \sqrt{25-x^2} & -5 \leq x \leq 0 \\ -\sqrt{25-x^2} & 0 \leq x \leq 5 \end{cases}$

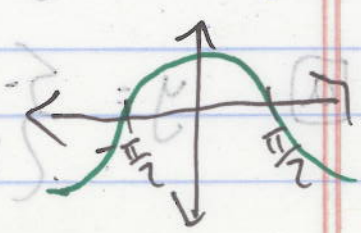
3. Given that  $y = \sin x$  is an explicit solution of  $y' = \sqrt{1-y^2}$ , find an interval of def<sup>n</sup>.

We need to find an interval  $I$  s.t.  $y = \sin x$  is  $C^1$  on  $I$  AND when  $y = \sin x$  is plugged into the eq<sup>n</sup>  $y' = \sqrt{1-y^2}$ , it reduces it to the identity.

$y = \sin x$  is  $C^1$  everywhere, since  $y' = \cos x$  cont. everywhere.

Plugging  $y = \sin x$  into the eq<sup>n</sup>:  $y' = \sqrt{1-y^2} \Leftrightarrow \cos x = \sqrt{1-\sin^2 x} \Leftrightarrow \cos x = \sqrt{\cos^2 x}$

$\Leftrightarrow \cos x = |\cos x|$ . This is only true for those values of  $x$  where  $\cos x$  is positive. So we can choose any  $I$  where  $\cos x \geq 0$ . In particular,  $I = (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  does the job.



2.a) Verify that the piece-wise-defined function  
 $y = \begin{cases} -x^2, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$  is a solution of the DE  
 $xy' - 2y = 0$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

The DE is 1<sup>st</sup>-order, so must show  $y$  satisfies DE & is  $C^1$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

$x < 0$ :  $\frac{d}{dx}(-x^2) = -2x$ .  $xy' - 2y = x(-2x) - 2(-x^2) = -2x^2 + 2x^2 = 0$ . ✓

$x \geq 0$ :  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x$ .  $xy' - 2y = x(2x) - 2(x^2) = 0$ . ✓

Need to check if  $y'$  continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

$y' = \begin{cases} -2x, & x < 0 \\ 2x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} y' = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} -2x = 0$ .

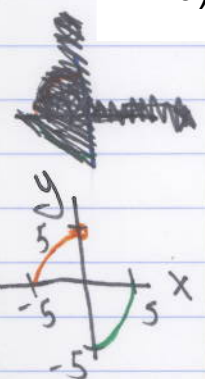
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y' = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 2x = 0$ .

same!

$\therefore$  DE not  $C^1$  on  $(-\infty, \infty) \Rightarrow y$  is a solution on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

b) In Ex. 5 we saw  $y = \sqrt{25-x^2}$  &  $y = -\sqrt{25-x^2}$  are solutions of  $y' = -\frac{x}{y}$  on  $(-5, 5)$ . Explain why

$y = \begin{cases} \sqrt{25-x^2} & -5 < x < 0 \\ -\sqrt{25-x^2} & 0 \leq x < 5 \end{cases}$  Not a solution to DE on  $(-5, 5)$ .



We can see  $y$  is not cont. @ 0:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} y = 5$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y = -5$ .

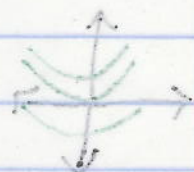
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4. Determine whether the Existence/Uniqueness Theorem guarantees that the DE  $y' = \sqrt{y^2 - 9}$  possesses a unique solution through the given point.

- a)  $(1, 4)$ ,      b)  $(2, -3)$ .

Here  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{y^2 - 9}$ . The Theorem is satisfied for points inside (on the interval) of a region  $R$ , where  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are cont. on  $R$ .

$f(x, y) = \sqrt{y^2 - 9}$  is cont. so long as  $y^2 - 9 \geq 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow y^2 \geq 9 \Leftrightarrow |y| \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow y \geq 3$  or  $y \leq -3$ .



So, we could choose any points  $(x, y)$  s.t.  $y \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (3, \infty)$ .

a)  $(1, 4)$  is in  $(3, \infty)$ , so Theorem satisfied. For  $(1, 4)$  ✓

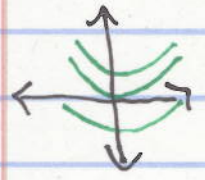
b)  $(2, -3)$  is not in  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (3, \infty)$ , so Theorem not satisfied for  $(2, -3)$ .

Determine whether the Existence/Uniqueness Theorem guarantees that the DE has a unique solution.

5. Suppose you're given a 1<sup>st</sup> order DE  $y' = F(x, y)$ , where  $F$  &  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$  are cont. on a rectangular region  $R$ .

Could 2 solution curves in its 1-par. Family of solutions intersect at a point in  $R$ ? Why or why not?

e.g. 1-par. family:  $y = x^2 + c$



$F$  &  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$  cont. on  $R \Rightarrow$  For any point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in  $R$ , a solution exists & is unique in some neighborhood around that point (by Existence/Uniqueness Theorem). Therefore, in that nbhd a unique solution exists.  $\therefore$  This is true for all pts in  $R$ .  $\therefore$  2 curves can't intersect in  $R$ .

6. Match the DE to the direction field. [see slides].

- (a)  $y' = (2-y)(3-y)$ , (b)  $y' = (y-2)(3-y)$ , (c)  $y' = (2-x)(3+x)$ , (d)  $y' = (2-y)(3+x)$ .

Looking at 1<sup>st</sup> Direction field:  $y' = 0$  at  $y = 2$  &  $y = 3 \Rightarrow$  could be (a) or (b).  
 When  $2 < y < 3$ ,  $y' > 0 \Rightarrow$  it must be (b).  
 (a)  $\leftrightarrow$  (b).

3<sup>rd</sup> Direction Field: Also  $y' = 0$  at  $y = 2$  &  $y = 3$   
& for  $2 < y < 3$  we have  
 $y' < 0 \Rightarrow$  corr. to **a**. **b**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **a**.

2<sup>nd</sup> Direction Field:  $y' = 0$  at  $x = 2$  &  $x = -3$   
 $\Rightarrow$  corr. to **c**.

**a**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **c**.

[**d** doesn't corr. to anything].