

HW 1: due Next Friday  
posted on Website  
p.15 1(a) 1, 4, 8, 13, 18  
p.24 18, 20  
p.39 5, 14, 24

Office Hours: Wed. 4-6pm  
+ by appointment.

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Population Growth ( $N = N(t)$ ).

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dN}{dt} = rN \\ N(0) = N_0 \end{cases}$$

Solution  $N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$ .

(to verify, plug into D.E.).

introduce a carrying capacity  $K$ .

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dN}{dt} = rN(1 - N/K) \\ N(0) = N_0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{"Logistic Equation"} \\ \text{(Verhulst 1838)} \end{array}$$

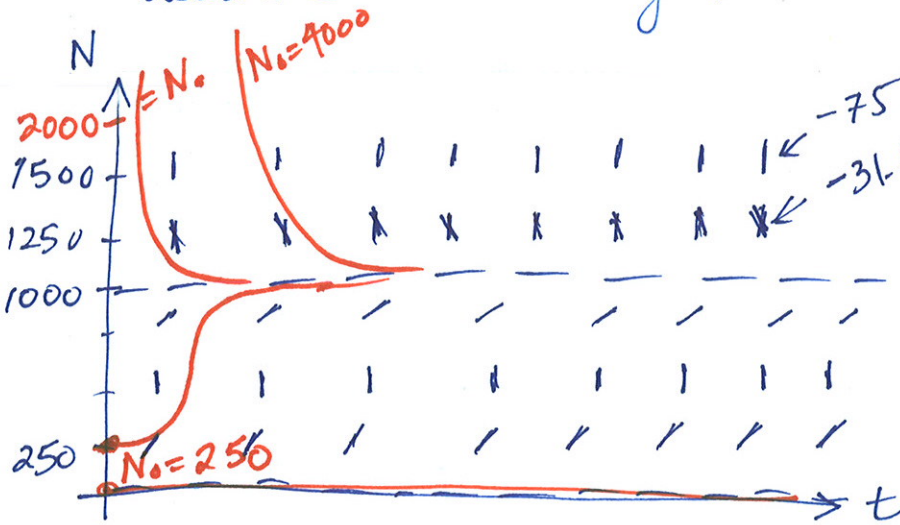
notice now nonlinear.

Definition: An autonomous eq. is one where the indep. var. does not appear explicitly.

Eg] For  $y = y(x)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)$ .

Understand via a direction field.

assume  $r = 0.1 \text{ day}^{-1}$ ,  $K = 1000$  individuals.



$$N = 250, \frac{dN}{dt} = r(250)\left(1 - \frac{250}{1000}\right) = 18.75.$$

$$N = 500, \frac{dN}{dt} = 25$$

$$N = 750, \frac{dN}{dt} = 18.75$$

Find equil. points by setting  $\frac{dN}{dt} = 0$ .  
(since autonomous).

$$\Rightarrow rN(1 - N/K) = 0$$

$$N = 0 \text{ or } N = K = 1000.$$

-can draw direction fields if eq. is not autonomous

$$\text{eg] } \begin{cases} \frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{r}{(t+1)} N(1 - N/K) \\ N(0) = N_0 \end{cases}$$

Can't just set  $\frac{dN}{dt} = 0$  to get equil. (flat slope).

Can still understand limiting behaviour as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

# Separable equations

(2.2; 1.2)

Def'n: The 1st order differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \text{ is SEPARABLE if } f(x, y)$$

can be written as  $g(x)p(y)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)p(y) \text{ is separable.}$$

eg |  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x + xy}{y^2 + 1} = x \cdot \left( \frac{2 + y}{y^2 + 1} \right)$ .

How to solve:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)p(y)$ .

(1) Multiply both sides by  $dx$  and  $\frac{1}{p(y)}$

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

(2) Integrate both sides  $\int \frac{dy}{p(y)} = \int g(x) dx$ .

$\leadsto$  implicit solution in  $y$

(i.e. not in form  $y = f(x)$ )

(3) If possible, solve for  $y$ .

Ex]  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x-5}{y^2} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \underbrace{(x-5)}_{g(x)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{y^2}}_{p(y)}$

• multiply by  $dx/p(y)$

$$y^2 dy = (x-5) dx.$$

• integrate both sides

$$\int y^2 dy = \int (x-5) dx.$$

$$\frac{y^3}{3} = \frac{x^2}{2} - 5x + C$$

• solve for  $y$ :  $y = \left( \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{15}{1}x + \tilde{C} \right)^{1/3}$

This is the **general solution** to the ODE

⇒ good for any initial condition.



If we had an initial condition  $y(a) = y_0$ , we could solve for  $\tilde{C}$  and obtain a solution to the IVP.

e.g.  $y(1) = 0$ , say,

$$y(x) = \left( \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 15x + \tilde{C} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$y(1) = 0 = \left( \frac{3}{2} - 15 + \tilde{C} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\tilde{C} = 15 - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{27}{2}$$

$$y(x) = \left( \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 15x + \frac{27}{2} \right)^{1/3}$$

is the sol. to the IVP  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x-5}{y^2} \\ y(1) = 0 \end{array} \right.$

Eg mass falling in gravity. Solve the IVP

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{\delta}{m}v \\ v(0) = v_0, \text{ constant} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \underbrace{\left( g - \frac{\delta}{m}v \right)}_{p(v)} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{g(t)}$$

Solution = 
$$v(t) = \frac{mg}{\gamma} - \left( \frac{mg}{\gamma} - v_0 \right) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t}$$

