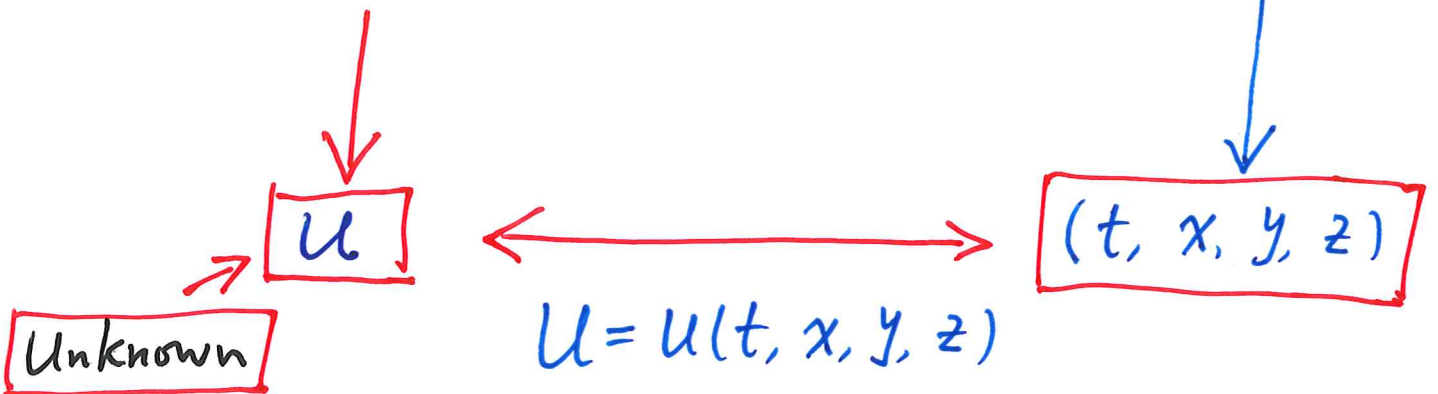


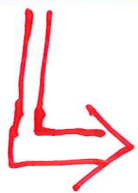
Differential Equations

Ex.

Physical Variable \longleftrightarrow $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Location} \\ \text{Time} \end{array} \right\}$
(Density, velocity, temperature...)



Physical Laws



A Relation between
 U , its Derivatives
and
Independent Variables (t, x, y, z)

Differential Equations

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$$(*) \quad F(D^\alpha u, u, x) = 0, \quad |\alpha| \leq m$$

- $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$: Indept. Variables
- $u = u(x) = u(x_1, \dots, x_n)$: Unknown function(s)
- $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$: Multi-index,
 $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \alpha_i \geq 0, |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$
- $Du = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \right)$
 $D^\alpha u = \left(\frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} u}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \partial x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}} \right), \quad 2 \leq |\alpha| \leq m$
e.g. $|\alpha| = 2, \quad D^\alpha u = \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)_{|i,j| \leq n}$
- F : Known function of $u, D^\alpha u, x$.
- If $n = 1$: $(*)$ is ODE
- If $n \geq 2$: $(*)$ is PDE
- If $u \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ($p \geq 2$), $F \in \mathbb{R}^q$ ($q \geq 2$)
 \hookrightarrow $(*)$ is a system of ODEs or PDEs
- Order = m Dimension \sim # of spatial variables

$$(*) \quad F(D^\alpha u, u, x) = 0, \quad |\alpha| \leq m$$

- We can rewrite (*) as

$$G(D^\alpha u, u, x) = f(x)$$

$$G(0, 0, x) = 0$$

If $f(x) = 0$: Homogeneous

If $f(x) \neq 0$: Nonhomogeneous

- Linear: F is linear w.r.t. $D^\alpha u$ and u

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} A_\alpha(x) D^\alpha u = f(x)$$

- Quasilinear: F is linear w.r.t. $D^{\tilde{\alpha}} u, |\tilde{\alpha}| = m$

$$\sum_{|\tilde{\alpha}| = m} A_{\tilde{\alpha}}(D^\alpha u, u, x) D^{\tilde{\alpha}} u + A_0(D^\alpha u, u, x) = 0$$

$$|\alpha| \leq m-1$$

- Semilinear

$$\sum_{|\tilde{\alpha}| = m} A_{\tilde{\alpha}}(x) D^{\tilde{\alpha}} u + A_0(D^\alpha u, u, x) = 0, \quad |\alpha| \leq m-1$$

- Fully Nonlinear: F depends nonlinearly upon $D^{\tilde{\alpha}} u, |\tilde{\alpha}| = m$

$$(*) \quad F(D^\alpha u, u, x) = 0 \quad |\alpha| \leq m$$

SOLUTION. $u = u(x)$ is called a Solution of $(*)$ in Ω , provided that

$$(**) \quad F(D^\alpha u(x), u(x), x) = 0 \quad x \in \Omega$$

in an appropriate sense of topology

Classical Solution:

$$u \in C^m(\Omega)$$

Weak Solution, Generalized Solution:

$(**)$ holds in a WEAK sense

Entropy Solution

Besides $(**)$, $u = u(x)$ satisfies an additional condition:

the entropy condition

Linear PDEs: Models

- Transport equation:

$$U_t + a U_x = 0$$

a : const.

- Laplace's equation:

$$\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$$

$$\Delta U = 0$$

u — potential/harmonic function

- Heat equation

$$U_t = k \Delta U,$$

$k > 0$ const.

$u \sim$ temperature

- Wave equation

$$U_{tt} - c^2 \Delta U = 0.$$

$c = \text{const.}$

$n=1$: Vibrating of strings, Propagation of sound waves
in tubes

$n=2$: Waves on the surface of shallow water, and
vibrating drumhead

$n=3$: Acoustic or light waves

- Schrödinger's Eq., Black-Scholes Eq.,

Nonlinear PDEs: Models

- Hopf-Burgers Eq.

$$u_t + u u_x = 0$$

- p-system

$$\begin{cases} u_t - u_x = 0 \\ u_t + p(u)_x = 0, \end{cases} \quad p'(u) < 0$$

$$u \in C^2 \implies u_{tt} + (p'(u) u_x)_x = 0$$

$$p'(u) = -c^2 \implies \text{Wave Eq.}$$

- Minimal Surface Eq. $z = u(x, y)$

$$(1 + u_y^2) u_{xx} - 2 u_x u_y u_{xy} + (1 + u_x^2) u_{yy} = 0$$

- Incompressible Euler (Navier-Stokes) Eqs.

$$\begin{cases} u_t + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p = 0 & (\varepsilon \Delta u) \\ \text{div } u = 0 \end{cases} \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\varepsilon = 0, p = \text{const.}, n = 1 \implies \text{Hopf-Burgers Eq.}$$

- KdV Eq. (Korteweg-de Vries Eq.)

$$u_t + u u_x + \varepsilon u_{xxx} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon = 0 \implies \text{Hopf-Burgers Eq.}$$

Solving PDEs - Solvability 7.

Experience from solving the n^{th} Order algebraic Eq.

(*)
$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$$

$n=1, 2$: Natural

$n=3$: Niccolò Fontana Tartaglia: 1535, 1539

Gerolamo Cardano: Ars Magna, 1545

$n=3$: Lodovico Ferrari (Cardano's Student): 1540

↓ 300 Years Descartes, Newton, Euler, ...

Abel (1826): It is impossible to solve high-order eqs. ($n \geq 5$) by simple explicit algebraic operations.

Galois (1831): Galois's theory for (*) indicating that the higher the order is, the more difficult one solves it.

• The Same Feature for PDEs.

Higher Order PDEs are more difficult to be solved than lower order PDEs

Other Difficulties

- Nonlinear PDEs are more difficult than Linear PDEs.
In many applications, they are often approximated by linear PDEs.
- Systems of PDEs are more difficult than Single PDE.
- Higher dimensional PDEs are more difficult than lower dimensional PDEs
- For most PDEs, it is impossible to write out explicit formulas for solutions, except some classes of PDEs.

Point Our interest is NOT so much in being able to "write down" solns. Rather than it is in understanding Properties of Solns & Methods for finding/analyzing Solns & Various classes of PDEs — where they're from, how solutions behave, & how different they can be from one another.

Well-Posedness - Meaning of Solvability⁹

Difficulty: Different PDEs have completely different behavior of solutions.

Side Conditions:

- Boundary Conditions
- Initial Conditions
- Other Side Conditions...

Issues.

- Sensitive, intimately connected with the form of the PDEs.
- Must be extremely careful in selecting the "side conditions" for the problems involving PDEs.

Example 1.

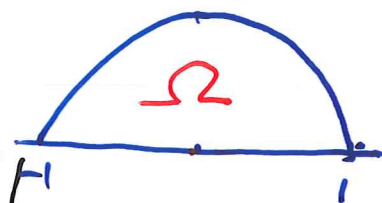
Cauchy Problem
IBV Problem

$$\Delta u := u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega$$

$$u|_{y=0} = 0$$

$$u_y|_{y=0} = a(x), \quad -1 < x < 1$$

Claim: ~~\exists~~ a solution
of this problem in general!



If \exists a soln $u(x, y) \in C^2(\Omega)$,

we extend

$$u(x, y) = \begin{cases} u(x, y), & y > 0 \\ -u(x, -y), & y < 0 \end{cases} \in C^2$$

(Odd extension)

Define $v(x, y) = \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} (-u_y dx + u_x dy)$

$\hookrightarrow \begin{cases} u_x = v_y \\ v_x = -u_y \end{cases}$ Cauchy-Riemann Eq.

$\hookrightarrow u + i v$ analytic

$\hookrightarrow u(x, y)$ is real analytic

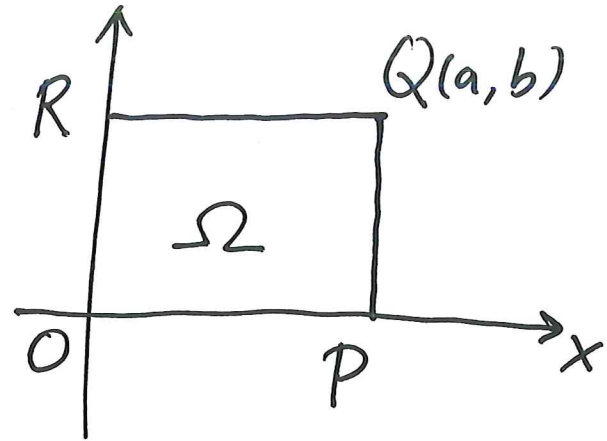
$\hookrightarrow a(x) = u_y(x, 0)$ Must be real analytic

Example 2

Dirichlet Problem

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$$\begin{cases} u_{xy} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = u_0 \end{cases}$$



General Solution

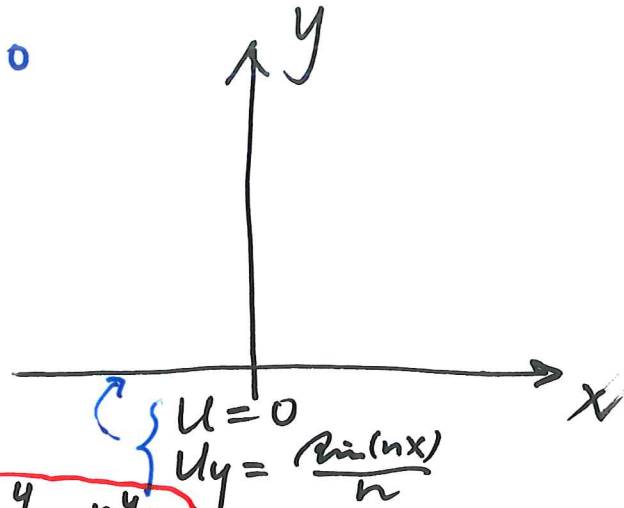
$$u(x, y) = \varphi(x) + \psi(y)$$

↳ $u_0(O) + u_0(Q) = u_0(R) + u_0(P) \quad (*)$

This problem has **No solutions** if (*) fails to hold

Example 3 Cauchy Problem

$$(I) \begin{cases} \Delta U = 0 & x \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0 \\ U|_{y=0} = 0 \\ U_y|_{y=0} = \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \end{cases}$$



$$U^n(x, y) = \frac{\sin(nx)(e^{ny} - e^{-ny})}{2n^2}$$

$$(II) \begin{cases} \Delta U = 0 \\ U|_{y=0} = 0 \\ U_y|_{y=0} = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow U^\infty(x, y) = 0.$$

Phenomenon

$$\begin{cases} U^n|_{y=0} = U^\infty|_{y=0} \\ |U_y^n(x, 0) - U_y^\infty(x, 0)| = \frac{|\sin(nx)|}{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad n \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

BUT

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |U^n(x, y) - U^\infty(x, y)| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\sin(nx)| |e^{ny} - e^{-ny}|}{2n^2} = +\infty, \quad \forall y > 0.$$

* Instability: Arbitrarily small changes in the data

↳ Large changes in the solution.

More Examples

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$$4. \begin{cases} U_t - \Delta U = 0 \\ U|_{t=0} = U_0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

Uniqueness: A solution of (*) is unique in the class of solutions with

$$(*) \quad |U(x, t)| \leq M e^{c|x|^2}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

for some constants M, c .

Tychonoff Example: Without assumption ~~(*)~~.

\exists ∞ -many solns.

cf. Fritz John: P211-213

5. H. Lewy's Example Fritz John P235-239

Consider $Lu = -U_x - iU_y + 2i(x+iy)U_z$

$\hookrightarrow \exists F(x, y, z) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ such that Eq.

$$Lu = F(x, y, z)$$

has no solution whose domain is an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ with $u \in C^1(\Omega)$ and

U_x, U_y, U_z Hölder Continuous in Ω

Well-posedness } Existence
Uniqueness
Stability

? Spaces for Solutions

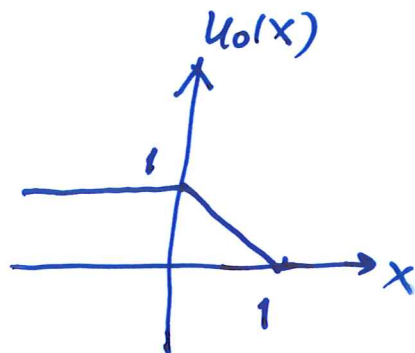
? Topology for the Stability of Solutions

Spaces:

C^k , $W^{k,p}$, BV, \mathcal{M} , ...

Example 4 Hopf-Burgers Eq.

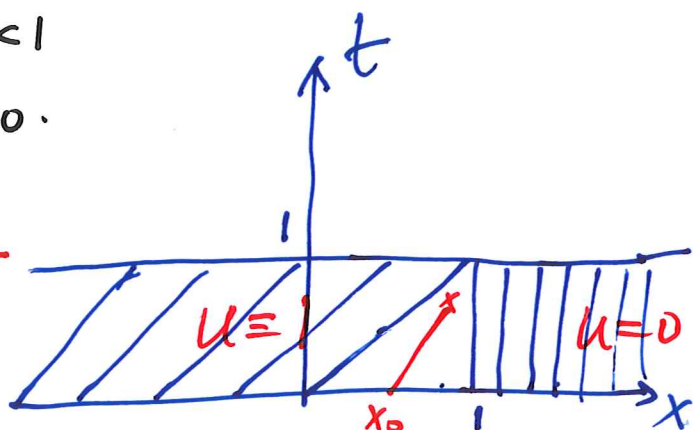
$$\begin{cases} U_t + U U_x = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \\ U|_{t=0} = U_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 0 \\ 1-x & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$



For $t < 1$

$$U(x, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < t \\ \frac{1-x}{1-t} & t < x < 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

↳ $U_x(x, t)$ blows up at $t = 1$



The phenomenon is natural in Physics.

? How do we get out of the dilemma?

Answer: Weaken the Notion of Solution.

Allow the solution discontinuous
starting at $t = 1$

Shock Wave phenomenon!

I. Ordinary Differential Equations¹⁵

Cauchy Problem

$$(*) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t) \\ x|_{t=0} = x_0 \end{cases} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

§ 1. Local Well-posedness

Choose $a > 0$, $b > 0$, and $M > 0$ s.t.

• f is defined in

$$R = \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid |x - x_0| \leq b, |t - t_0| \leq a\}$$

• $f(x, t)$ is continuous in R

• $|f(x, t)| \leq M$, for $(x, t) \in R$.

Observation: If $x \in C^1$ is a soln. with
 $|x(t) - x_0| \leq b$ for $|t - t_0| \leq T$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow |x(t) - x_0| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(x(s), s) ds \right| \leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(x(s), s)| ds \\ &\leq M |t - t_0| \leq MT < b \end{aligned}$$

if $T \leq \min\left\{a, \frac{b}{M}\right\}$

Theorem 1.1 (Picard's Theorem)

Assume

- $|f(x, t)| \leq M, \quad (x, t) \in \mathcal{R}$
- $|f(x, t) - f(y, t)| \leq C|x - y|, \quad \forall \begin{matrix} (x, t) \\ (y, t) \end{matrix} \in \mathcal{R}$

\hookrightarrow (i) $\exists \ 1 \quad x = x(t) \in C^1(t_0 - T, t_0 + T)$ of (*)
 provided that $T \leq \min\{a, \frac{b}{M}\}$

(ii) The Cauchy problem

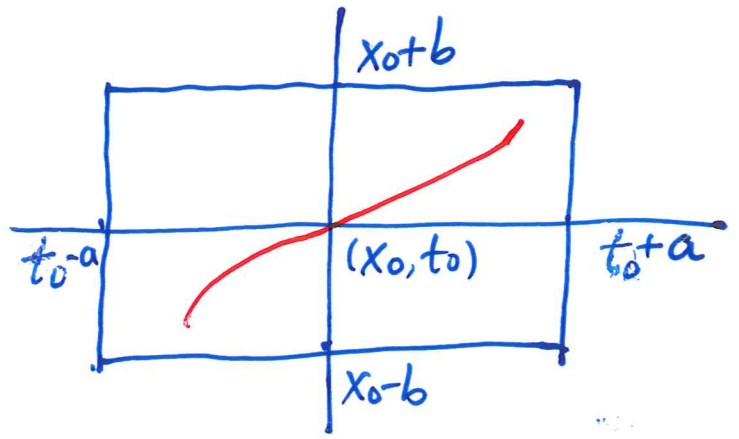
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t) \\ x|_{t=t_0} = y \end{cases}$$

has a unique soln $x = x(t, y)$

for $|t - t_0| + |y - x_0| \leq b, \quad |t - t_0| \leq a$

and

$$|x(t, y) - x(t, z)| \leq e^{C|t - t_0|} |y - z|$$



Homework # 1

Remark: The uniqueness part of Thm 1.1

remains valid for $t \geq t_0$, if the Lipschitz condition on f is weakened to

$$(**) \quad \langle y-z, f(t,y)-f(t,z) \rangle \leq C|y-z|^2$$

When $n=1$, $(**)$ becomes

$$(***) \quad f(t,y)-f(t,z) \leq C(y-z) \quad \text{if } y \geq z$$

(One-side Lipschitz condition)

Comparison Principle: $n=1$. $(***)$ holds

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \geq f(x(t), t) \\ \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \leq f(y(t), t) \\ x(t_0) \geq y(t_0) \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow x(t) \geq y(t), \quad t \geq t_0$$

Proof. Set $R(t) = y(t) - x(t)$. If $\exists t \in (t_1, t_2)$ s.t.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R(t) \leq 0 \quad t_0 < t < t_1 \\ R(t) > 0 \quad t_1 < t < t_2 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow R(t_1) = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dR(t)}{dt} \leq f(y(t), t) - f(x(t), t) \leq C R(t), \quad t_1 < t < t_2 \\ R(t_1) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < R(t) \leq R(t_1) e^{C(t-t_1)} \quad \text{for } t_1 < t < t_2$$

Contradiction

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Theorem 1.2 (Global existence and uniqueness)
for Linear ODEs

If $\begin{cases} f(x, t) = A(t)x \\ A(t) \text{ is continuous for } |t - t_0| \leq a \end{cases}$
then the Cauchy problem (*) has a unique
soln for $|t - t_0| \leq a$:

$$X(t) = F(t) x_0$$

where $F(t)$ is the unique $n \times n$ matrix
function determined by

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dF(t)}{dt} = A(t)F(t) \\ F(t_0) = I \end{cases}$$

If $\|A(t)\| \leq M$, then, for $|t - t_0| \leq a$

$$\begin{cases} \|F(t)\| \leq e^{|t-t_0|M} \\ \|F(t)^{-1}\| \leq e^{|t-t_0|M} \\ \det(F(t)) \leq \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t \text{Tr}(A(s)) ds\right) \end{cases}$$

Homework # 2

Theorem 1.3 (Peano's Theorem)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x, t) \text{ is continuous in } \mathbb{R} \\ |f(x, t)| \leq M, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a C^1 -solution for $|t - t_0| \leq T$

$$T = \min\left\{a, \frac{b}{M}\right\}$$

Proof. 1. Extend f to $\mathbb{R}^n \times [t_0 - a, t_0 + a]$ by defining

$$f(x, t) = f\left(x_0 + \frac{b(x - x_0)}{|x - x_0|}, t\right) \text{ for } |x - x_0| > b$$

2. For $\chi_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n} \chi\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$ with

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} A e^{-\frac{1}{|x|^2-1}} & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & |x| > 1 \end{cases} \quad \int \chi(x) dx = 1$$

define

$$f_\varepsilon(x, t) = f * \chi_\varepsilon(x) = \int \chi_\varepsilon(x - y) f(y, t) dy$$

\hookrightarrow

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_\varepsilon(x, t) \quad C^\infty \text{ in } x, \text{ continuous in } t \\ f_\varepsilon \rightarrow f \quad \text{uniformly in } \mathbb{R}, \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ |f_\varepsilon| \leq M \quad \chi_\varepsilon \end{array} \right.$$

Proof (Conti.)

3. Consider the Cauchy problem:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dX_\varepsilon(t)}{dt} = f_\varepsilon(X_\varepsilon(t), t) \\ X_\varepsilon|_{t=t_0} = X_0 \end{cases}$$

Thm 1.1 $\Rightarrow \exists$ 1 soln $X = X_\varepsilon(t)$ for $|t - t_0| \leq T$
satisfying

$$\begin{cases} |X_\varepsilon(t) - X_0| \leq b & \times \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{dX_\varepsilon(t)}{dt} \right| \leq |f_\varepsilon(X_\varepsilon(t), t)| \leq M & \times \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

\hookrightarrow Equicontinuity

4. Ascoli-Arzelà Thm

$\hookrightarrow \exists \{X_{\varepsilon_k}\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \{X_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon > 0}$ s.t.

$$\begin{cases} X_{\varepsilon_k}(t) \longrightarrow X(t) & \text{uniformly} \\ \frac{dX_{\varepsilon_k}(t)}{dt} = f_{\varepsilon_k}(X_{\varepsilon_k}(t), t) \longrightarrow f(X(t), t) & \text{uniformly} \end{cases}$$

\hookrightarrow

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dX(t)}{dt} = f(X(t), t) \\ X|_{t=t_0} = X_0 \end{cases}$$

* Approximation Method

Observation

If $f \in C(\mathcal{R})$

$$\bullet \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |f(x,t)| \leq M \\ \forall (x,t) \in \mathcal{R} \end{array} \right.$$

$x(t)$ is any soln of $\begin{cases} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x(t), t) \\ x|_{t=0} = x_0 \end{cases} \quad |t-t_0| \leq T$

$\hookrightarrow \exists f_\varepsilon(x,t)$ s.t.

$$(i) \begin{cases} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f_\varepsilon(x(t), t) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

(ii) $f_\varepsilon \in C^\infty$ in x , continuous in t

(iii) $f_\varepsilon \rightarrow f$ uniformly in \mathcal{R} as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

In fact, for \hat{f}_ε defined as in the proof of Theorem 1.3, define

$$f_\varepsilon(x,t) = \hat{f}_\varepsilon(x,t) + f(x(t), t) - \hat{f}_\varepsilon(x(t), t)$$

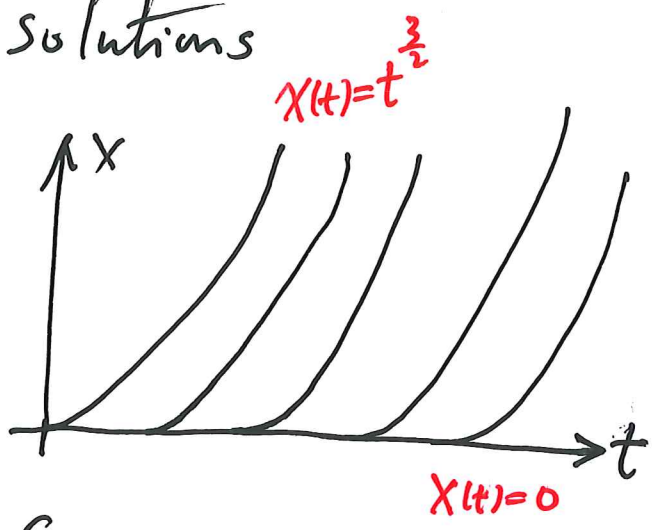
Example:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} x^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ x|_{t=0} = 0 \end{cases}$$

• $f(x, t) = \frac{3}{2} x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is continuous in x
but is not Lipschitz at $x=0$

Easy to check: Two solutions

$$\begin{cases} X(t) = 0, \\ X(t) = t^{\frac{3}{2}} \end{cases}$$



General solutions

$$X_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq c \\ (t-c)^{\frac{3}{2}} & t \geq c \end{cases}$$

Starting at $(0, 0)$ lie between these two solutions,
and fill up the funnel between them.

§2 Existence of Solutions in the Large

Ex.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 \\ x|_{t=0} = x_0 > 0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

Soln.
$$\frac{dx}{x^2} = dt, \quad -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x_0} = t$$

$$x(t) = \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0 t} \quad \nearrow \infty \quad \text{as } t \nearrow \frac{1}{x_0}$$

In general, ~~\exists~~ a global solution

If $x_0 < 0 \rightarrow \exists$ 1 global solution for $t > 0$

Thm 1.4 (Lower semicontinuity of the domain of existence for perturbations of the data)

If (i) $f(x, t), \frac{\partial f(x, t)}{\partial x}$ are continuous in an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

(ii) The Cauchy problem (*) has a soln x with graph in Ω for $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$ with $t_0 \in (t_1, t_2)$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a nbhd U of x_0 in \mathbb{R}^n , s.t. $\forall y \in U$

\exists 1 soln $x(t, y) \in C^1([t_1, t_2] \times U)$ of $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t) \\ x|_{t=t_0} = y \end{cases}$
for $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$.

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Remark: We could also allow a small perturbation of f in Thm 1.4, for which we could replace f by $f + \varepsilon g$ for small ε , adding the Eq. $\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = 0$

Now we allow perturbation of the Cauchy problem (*).

Theorem 1.5 Consider the Cauchy problem

$$(**) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = a_0(t)x^2 + a_1(t)x + a_2(t) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

& $a_j(t)$ are continuous function in $[0, T]$

Set $\begin{cases} a_0^+ = \max\{a_0, 0\} \\ K = \int_0^T |a_2(t)| dt \exp\left(\int_0^T |a_1(t)| dt\right) \end{cases}$

If $\begin{cases} x_0 \geq 0 \\ \int_0^T a_0^+(t) dt \exp\left(\int_0^T |a_1(t)| dt\right) < \frac{1}{x_0 + K} \\ \int_0^T |a_0(t)| dt \exp\left(\int_0^T |a_1(t)| dt\right) < \frac{1}{K} \end{cases}$

⇒ The Cauchy Problem (**) has a solution in $[0, T]$. Satisfying

$$\frac{1}{x(T)} \geq \frac{1}{x_0 + K} - \int_0^T a_0^+(t) dt \exp\left(\int_0^T |a_1(t)| dt\right)$$

if $x(T) \geq 0$.

or

$$\frac{1}{x(T)} \geq \frac{1}{K} - \int_0^T |a_0(t)| dt \exp\left(\int_0^T |a_1(t)| dt\right)$$

if $x(T) < 0$.

* $T \sim$ Life span, i.e.

$$T = \sup_{t^*} \{t^* \mid x(t) \text{ exists in } [0, t^*]\}$$

Homework # 3

§3 Generalized Solutions

$$(*) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t) \\ x|_{t=t_0} = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$f(x, t) \sim$ real value measurable function in
 $R = \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid |t - t_0| \leq a, |x - x_0| \leq b\}$
 $|f(x, t)| \leq M(t)$ with $M \in L^1$

Theorem 1.6 The Cauchy problem (*) has a solution in the sense that x is absolutely continuous and for almost all $t \in [t_0 - a, t_0 + a]$,

$$x'(t) \in F(x(t), t)$$

$F(x, t) \sim$ The smallest closed convex set s.t. every nb.h.d contains the value of $f(y, t)$ for almost all y in some nb.h.d of x

$$\langle x'(t), \xi \rangle \leq H(x(t), t, \xi) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \text{ess sup}_{|y - x| < \delta} \langle f(y, t), \xi \rangle \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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