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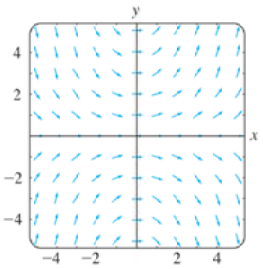
微分方程
Differential Equations

Unit 02.1
Solution Curves Without a Solution



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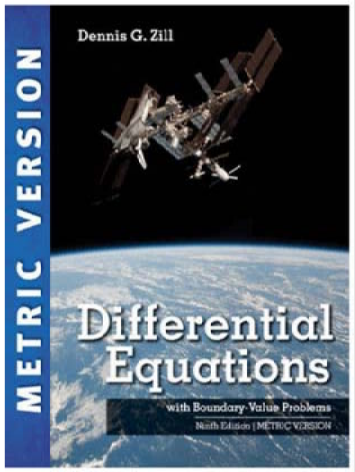

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Differential Equations with Boundary-Value Problems, 9th Ed., D.G. Zill, 2018 (Metric Version)

Outline

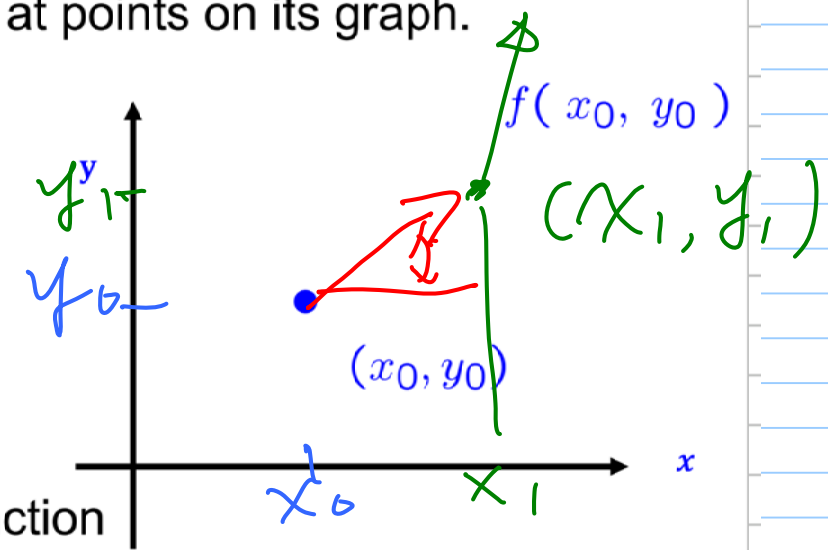
Some Fundamental Questions

- Qualitative questions about properties of solutions:
  - How does a solution behave near a certain point?
  - How does a solution behave as $x \to \infty$?

- A derivative dy/dx of a differentiable function $y = y(x)$ gives slopes of tangent lines at points on its graph.

$f(x, y)$

$f(x, y(x))$



- the slope function or rate function

Direction Fields

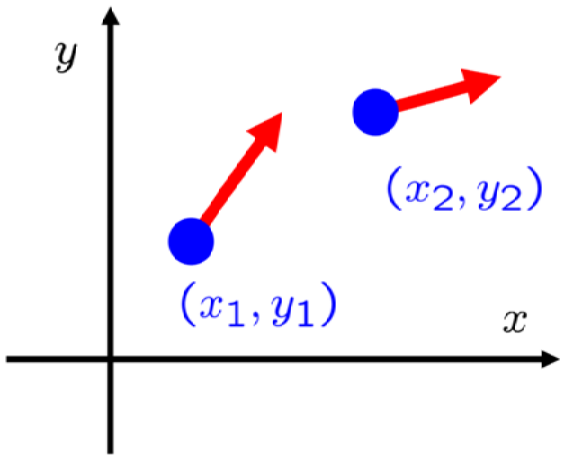
- $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = f(\,x,\ y\,)$

- Existence & Uniqueness: (2.1)

$f(\,x,\ y\,) \quad \rightarrow \quad f(x,y)$

$f(\,x,\ y(x)\,) \quad \rightarrow \quad \dfrac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial y}$

continuous

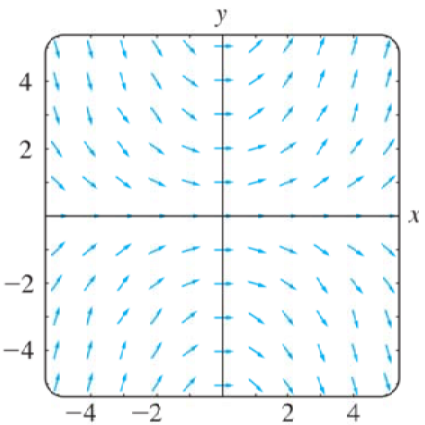


$$\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{(x_i,y_i)} = f(x_i, y_i)$$

- the slope function or rate function

Direction Fields

- $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = 0.2$ $\rightarrow \quad y = c\, e^{0.1\, x^2}$



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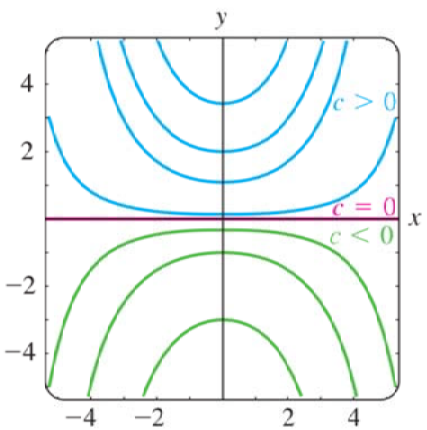


(b) some solution curves in the family $y =$

Autonomous First-Order DEs

- $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = f(\,y\,)$

$$\begin{cases} \dfrac{dy}{dx} = 0.2\,x\,y \\ \dfrac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dfrac{dP}{dt} = k\,P \\ \dfrac{dT}{dt} = k\,(\,T - T_m\,) \end{cases}$$

- $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = f(\,y\,) = 0$

$\Rightarrow f(\,c\,) = 0$

$\Rightarrow y = c$ ▪ The critical, equilibrium, stationary point

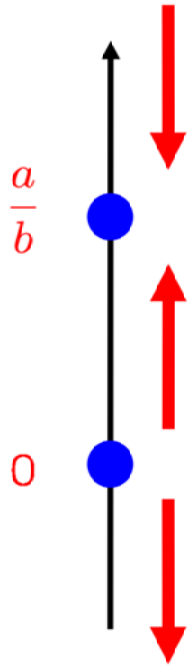
$\Rightarrow y(x) = c$ ▪ The equilibrium solution

Autonomous First-Order DEs

- $\dfrac{dP}{dt} = P\,(\,a - b\,P\,), \qquad a > 0, b > 0$

$\Rightarrow f(P) = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow P = 0 \text{ OR } \dfrac{a}{b}$

- 2 critical points



$f(P)\Big|_{P>\frac{a}{b}} < 0$

$f(P)\Big|_{0<P<\frac{a}{b}} > 0$

$f(P)\Big|_{P<0} < 0$

- Phase Portrait

Autonomous First-Order DEs

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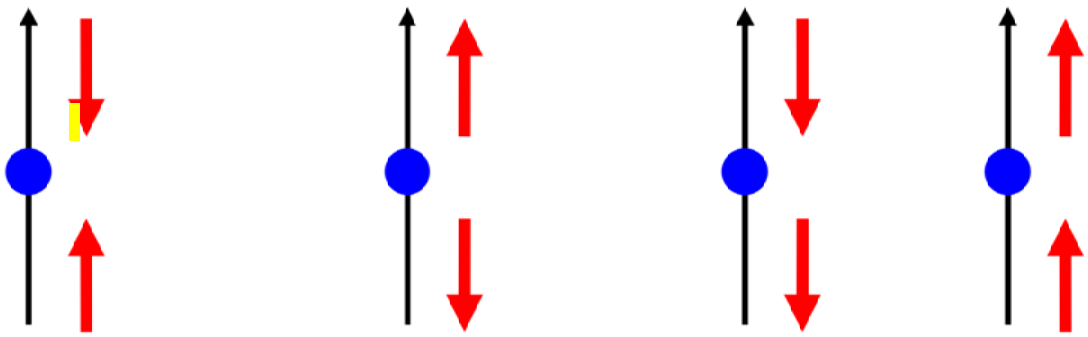

Asymptotically Stable	Unstable	Semi-Stable
Attractor	Repeller	Saddle

Autonomous First-Order DEs

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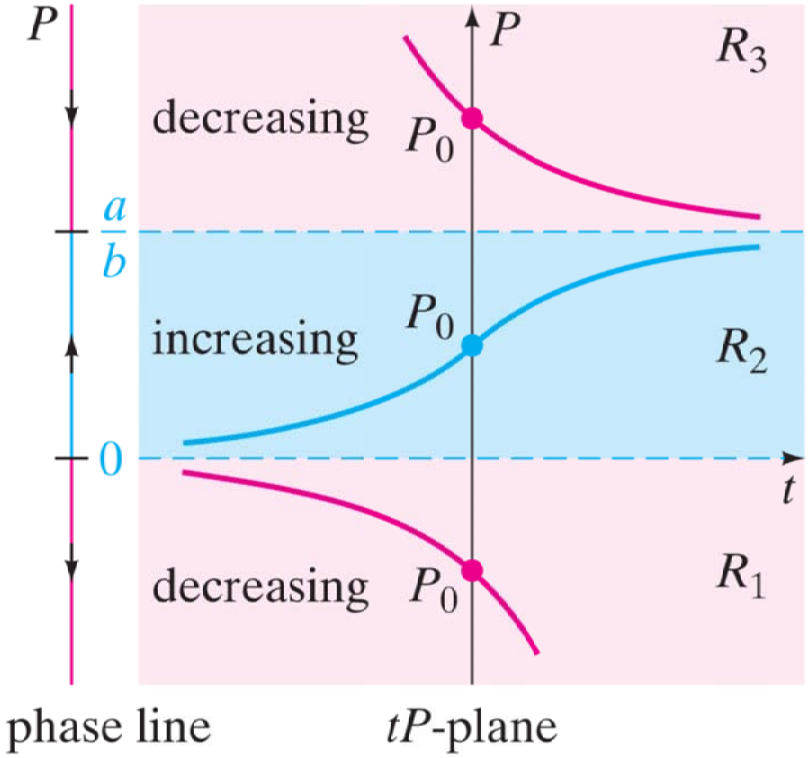

Autonomous First-Order DEs

- $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = y(3 - y) = 0$

$y = 0$

$y = 3$