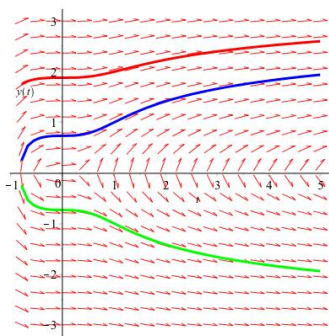


MATH 226: Differential Equations



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Generating Integral Curves in MATLAB

Qualitative Analysis of Autonomous Differential Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$$

1. Find Equilibrium Solutions ($f(y) = 0$)

2. Create Phase Line

Determine when $f(y) > 0$ and where $f(y) < 0$

Label with arrows.

3. Classify Equilibrium Solutions

Asymptotically Stable: $\rightarrow \bullet \leftarrow$

Semistable: $\rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow$ or $\leftarrow \bullet \leftarrow$

Unstable: $\leftarrow \bullet \rightarrow$

Asymptotically Stable Semistable Unstable



4. Sketch Solutions

Increasing, Decreasing, Concavity

Determining Concavity of y as a Function of t

Example From Last Time: $y' = (y-1)(y+1)(y-2) = (y^2-1)(y-2)$

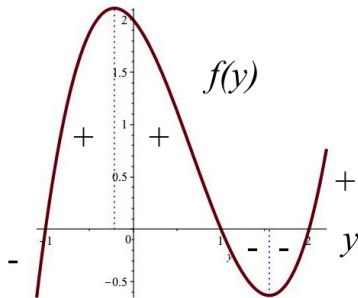
- Use Second Derivative:

$$y''(t) = f'(y(t)) \times y'(t) = \frac{df}{dy} \times \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{df}{dy} \times f(y)$$

$$y'' = [3y^2 - 4y - 1][(y^2 - 1)(y-2)]$$

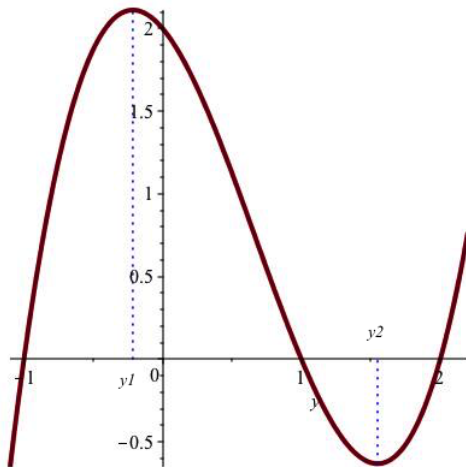
- Use Graph of $f(y)$ as a function of y

Graph of $f(y) = (y^2 - 1)(y - 2)$ as a function of y



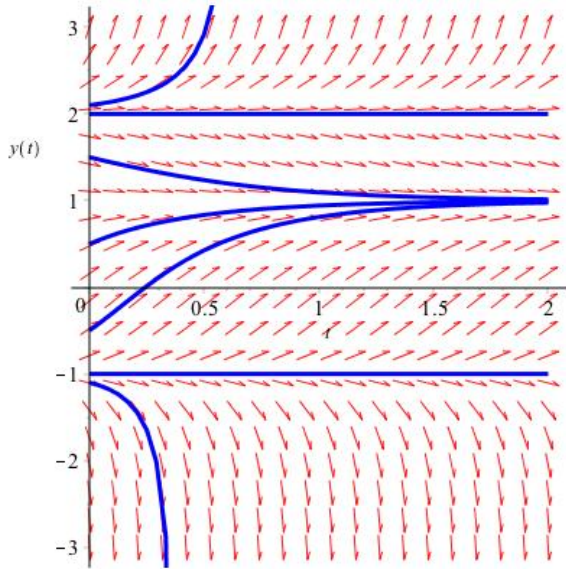
What if you don't have the graph?

Graph of $f(y) = (y^2 - 1)(y - 2)$ as a function of y

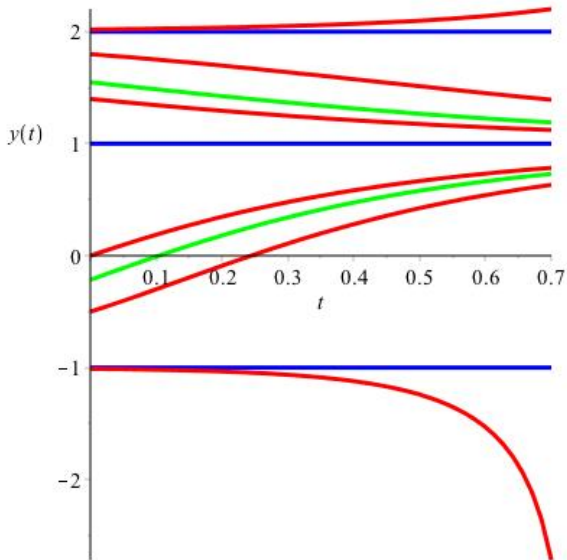


$$y_1 \sim -0.215, y_2 \sim 1.549$$

Some Integral Curves For $y' = (y^2 - 1)(y - 2)$



Some More Integral Curves For $y' = (y^2 - 1)(y - 2)$



Another Test For Stability

Theorem: Let y^* be an equilibrium point of $y' = f(y)$ with f having a continuous derivative (as a function of y) in a neighborhood of y^* . Then

- ▶ If $f'(y^*) < 0$, then y^* is asymptotically stable
- ▶ If $f'(y^*) > 0$, then y^* is unstable
- ▶ The test is inconclusive if $f'(y^*) = 0$.

So Far: $y' = g(t)$, $y' = f(y)$

New: **Separable Differential Equation**

$$y' = f(y)g(t)$$

Derivative of y is product of a function of y only
and a function of t only.

$$\text{Example 1: } y' = \frac{t^2}{y(1+t^3)}$$

Note: $y \neq 0, t \neq -1$

How To Solve: Separate Variables and Integrate With Respect To Independent Variable

$$y y' = \frac{t^2}{(1+t^3)}$$

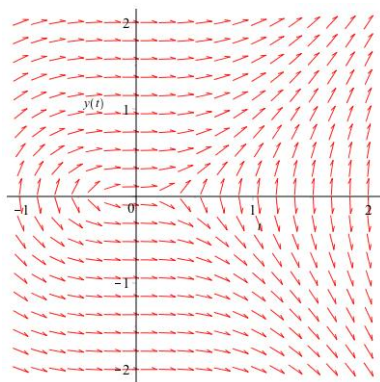
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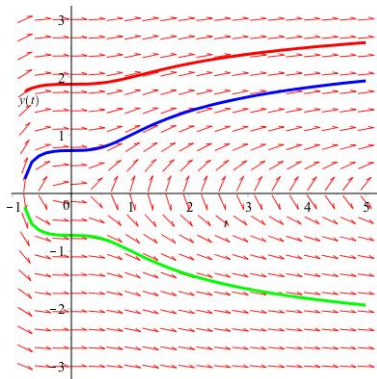
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In General

$$y' = f(y)g(t)$$

Is solved as

$$\int \frac{1}{f(y)} y' = \int g(t)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{f(y)} dy = \int g(t) dt$$

Example: An Initial Value Problem

$$y' = \frac{3-2t}{y}, y(1) = -6$$

$$\int yy' = \int 3-2t$$

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

$$y^2 = 6t - 2t^2 + C$$

Set $t = 1, y = -6$:

$$36 = 6 - 2 + C \text{ so } C = 32$$

$$y^2 = -2t^2 + 6t + 32$$

$$y = -\sqrt{-2t^2 + 6t + 32}$$

Example (Continued): An Initial Value Problem

$$y' = \frac{3-2t}{y}, y(1) = -6$$

Has Solution

$$y = -\sqrt{-2t^2 + 6t + 32}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Need } -2t^2 + 6t + 32 &= 2(-t^2 + 3t + 16) > 0 \\ \text{or } t^2 - 3t - 16 &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Roots are } t = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+64}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{73}}{2}$$

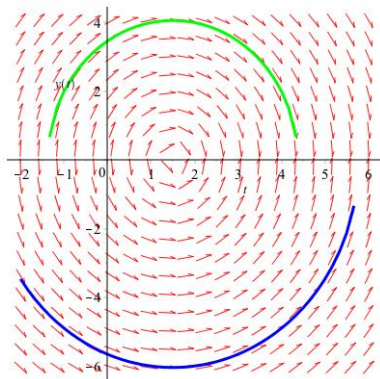
$$\text{Solution is valid on } \frac{3-\sqrt{73}}{2} < t < \frac{3+\sqrt{73}}{2}$$

$$\text{Roughly } -2.77 < t < 5.77.$$

Example (Continued): An Initial Value Problem

$$y' = \frac{3 - 2t}{y}, y(1) = -6 \text{ Blue}$$

$$y' = \frac{3 - 2t}{y}, y(1) = 4 \text{ Green}$$



Next Time

