

#### 4. Modeling with First Order ODE (section 2.3)

1. An ODE that describes some physical process is called **mathematical model**.
2. Reminder: **A model of free-fall motion retarded by air resistance** was considered in Section 1 (#13) of these notes.
3. **Mixing Problems** serve as a model for problem of discharge and filtration of pollutants in a river, injection and absorption of medication in the bloodstream, for example.
4. *Chemicals in Tank, or Mixing.* Assume that a tank contains  $V$  gal of water and  $Q_0$  lb of some substance (salt, or chemical, for example) is dissolved in it. Suppose that the water containing  $\gamma(t)$  lb/gal of substance is entering the tank with the rate  $r$  gal/min (the concentration of the chemicals in the entering water varies in time) and then well stirred mixture is draining from the tank at the same rate. Find the amount  $Q(t)$  of the substance in tank at any time (Do not solve, just find IVP for  $Q(t)$ ).
5. *Chemicals in Pond* (from the textbook) A pond contains 10 million gal of fresh water. Stream water containing an undesirable chemical flows into the pond at the rate 5 million gal/yr, and the mixture in the pond flows out through an overflow culvert at the same rate. The concentration  $\gamma(t)$  of chemical in the incoming water varies periodically with time  $t$ , measured in years, according to the expression  $\gamma(t) = 2 + \sin(2t)$ g/gal.
  - (a) Construct a mathematical model of this flow process.
  - (b) Determine the amount of chemical in the pond at any time.
  - (c) Plot the solution and describe in words the effect of the variation of the incoming concentration.

#### 5. Direction Field for $y' = f(t, y)$ (section 1.1)

6. QUALITATIVE ANALYZING of a first-order ODE  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$ .
7. By **Uniqueness Theorem** for  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$  (see Section 2.4 later) if  $f(t, y)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous, then the integral curves do not intersect. In other words, if we start with  $(t_0, y_0)$  then the solution is predefined.
8. At each point  $(t, y)$  on an integral curve of  $y' = f(t, y)$ , the tangent line has the slope  $f(t, y)$ .
9. To sketch direction field use the following steps:
  - Choose a rectangular grid of points in the  $ty$ -plane.
  - Calculate the slopes of tangent lines to the integral curves at the gridpoints.
  - Draw a short line segment of the tangent lines through the gridpoints.

Note: More gridpoints  $\implies$  better description of integral curves (general shape of solution).
10. *FALLING HAILSTONE* Consider hailstone with mass  $m = 0.03$ kg and drag coefficient  $\gamma = 0.006$ kg/s.

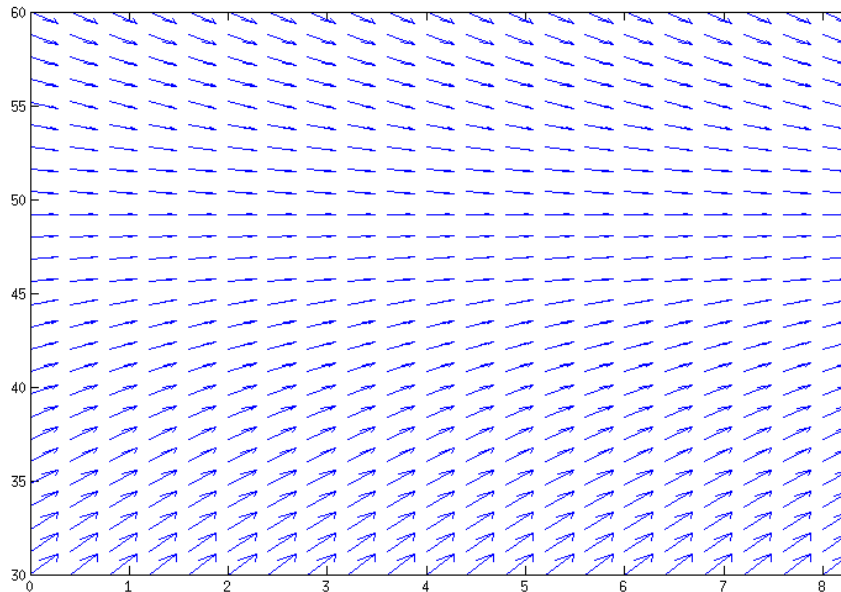
- (a) Write down the ODE describing the motion of the hailstone.
- (b) Qualitatively (i.e without solving the ODE) investigate the behavior of the solution from a geometrical viewpoint (Use Matlab).

*Solution.* To determine the qualitative behavior of obtained ODE we can proceed. We can use Matlab to get directional field:

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[t,v]=meshgrid(0:0.4:8, 30:1.2:60);
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S=9.8-0.2*v;
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quiver(t,v,ones(size(S)),S), axis tight
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11. (a) Sketch a direction field for  $y' = 1 - 2y$ .
- (b) Using the previous item, qualitatively describe the behavior of the solution as  $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .
- (c) Compare your answer in (b) using the analytic solution of the given equation.

## 6. Autonomous equations, and population dynamics (sections 1.1 and 2.5 combined)

12. Equation  $y' = f(t, y)$  is called **autonomous system** if  $f$  does not depend on time  $t$ . In this case we have  $y' = f(y)$ .
13. Given the differential equation:

$$y' = y - y^2 \quad (1)$$

- (a) Find all equilibrium points.
- (b) Sketch a direction field.
- (c) Based on the sketch of the direction field from the item (b) answer the following questions:

- i. Let  $y(t)$  be the solution of equation (1) satisfying the initial condition  $y(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Find the limit of  $y(t)$  when  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  and the limit of  $y(t)$  when  $t \rightarrow -\infty$  (for this you do not need to find  $y(t)$  explicitly).
  - ii. Find all  $y_0$  such that the solution of the equation (1) with the initial condition  $y(0) = y_0$  has the same limit at  $+\infty$  as the solution from the item (c)i.
  - iii. Let  $y(t)$  be the solution of equation (1) with  $y(0) = -1$ . Decide whether  $y(t)$  is monotonically decreasing or increasing and find to what value it approaches when  $t$  increases (the value might be infinite).
- (d) Find the solution of the equation (1) with  $y(0) = -1$  explicitly. Determine the interval in which this solution is defined.

14. **Classification of equilibrium points:** Suppose  $f(y_0) = 0$ , i.e.  $y_0$  is an equilibrium points.

**Unstable:**  $f(y)$  changes sign from “-” to “+”.

**Stable:**  $f(y)$  changes sign from “+” to “-”.

**Semistable:**  $f$  does not change sign at  $y_0$ .

15. For autonomous systems the slope on horizontal lines  $y = y_0$  is the same and the qualitative analysis can be made on the so called *phase line portrait*.

16. Directions to draw phase line portrait:

- Find all equilibrium points (i.e. roots of  $f(y) = 0$ ), draw a horizontal line and mark those points on it.
- Check the sign of  $f(y)$  in each of the intervals determined by the equilibrium points. Over those intervals where  $f(y) > 0$  draw arrows pointing to the right, and on those where  $f(y) < 0$  draw arrows pointing to the left (indicating in which direction are solutions flowing).

17. Carry out a phase line analysis for the equation (1).

18. *Exponential GROWTH* Let  $y = y(t)$  be the population of the given species at time  $t$ . Hypothesis:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = ry$ , where  $r$  is called the **rate of growth**.

19. *LOGISTIC GROWTH:* the growth rate depends on the population (replace  $r$  by a function  $h(y)$ ):  $\frac{dy}{dt} = h(y)y$   
Verhulst's model:  $h(y) = a - by$  ( $a, b > 0$ )