

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.

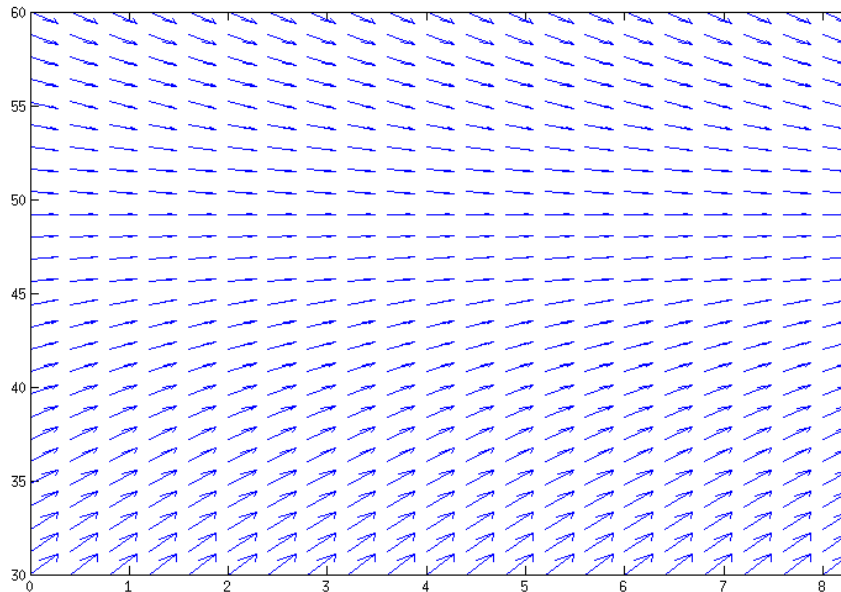
- (a) Write down the ODE describing the motion of the hailstone.
- (b) Qualitatively (i.e without solving the ODE) investigate the behavior of the solution from a geometrical viewpoint (Use Matlab).

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:

$$y' = y - y^2 \tag{1}$$

- (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: $h(y) = a - by$ ($a, b > 0$)