

2.2 Separable Equations

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When we can gather all y variables on the LHS and all x variables on the RHS we say the ODE is a separable eqn.

EX $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6y^2x$, $y(1) = \frac{1}{25}$

$$\frac{dy}{y^2} = 6x dx \quad \int \text{integrate RHS}$$

$$y^{-2} dy = 6 \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\frac{y^{-2+1}}{-2+1} = 3x^2 + C$$

$$\frac{-1}{y} = 3x^2 + C$$

apply I.C. $y(1) = \frac{1}{25}$

$$\frac{-1}{(1/25)} = 3(1)^2 + C$$

$$-25 = 3 + C$$

$$-28 = C$$

Final eqn:

$$\frac{-1}{y} = 3x^2 - 28$$

$$y = \frac{-1}{3x^2 - 28}$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$$

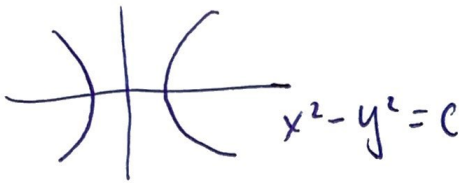
$$y dy = x dx$$

$$y^2 = x^2 + C$$

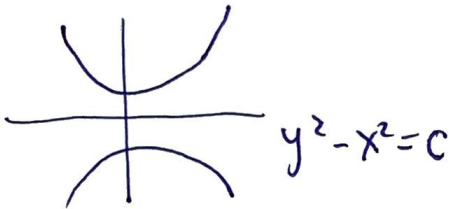
$$x^2 - y^2 = C$$

hyperbolas

• If $C > 0$



• If $C < 0$



• If $C = 0$

$$y^2 = x^2$$

$$y = \pm x$$

asymptotes

I.C.
 $y(1) = 1$

$$1^2 - 1^2 = C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$x^2 - y^2 = 0$$

"•" $y(-1) = 1$
 $y = -x$

Slope field

$$y' = m = \frac{x}{y}$$

Lets try some "m" values

• $m = 1$

$$y = x$$

(slope of isocline) = 1 also

• $m = \text{undef}$

$$\infty = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$y = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{x-axis} \\ m = \infty \end{matrix}$$

• $m = -1$

$$y = -x$$

• $m = 0$

$$0 = \frac{x}{y}$$

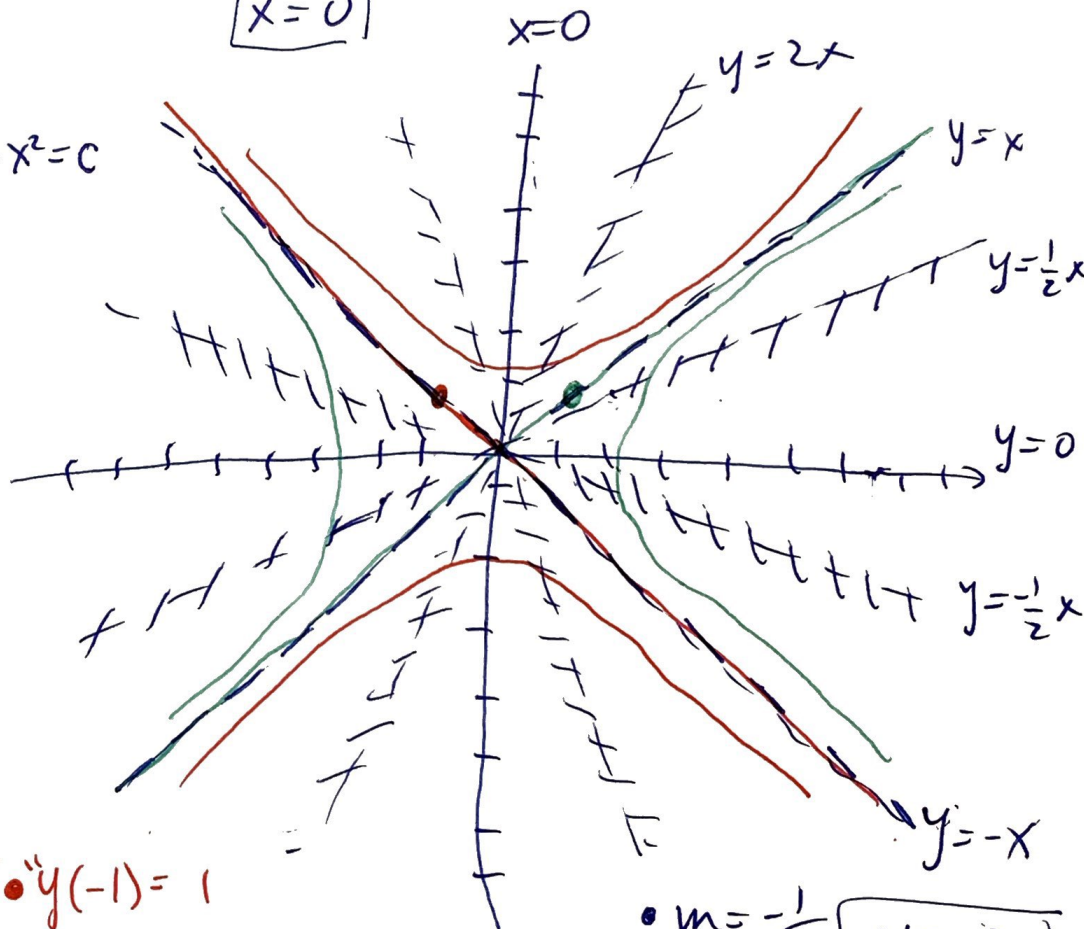
$$x = 0$$

• $m = 2$

$$2 = \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

• $m = -2$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}x$

• $m = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow y = 2x$



• $m = -\frac{1}{2}$ $y = -2x$

-x Solve $y' = y^2 - 4$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2 - 4} = dx$

lets decompose $\frac{1}{y^2 - 4} = \frac{1}{(y+2)(y-2)} = \frac{A}{y+2} + \frac{B}{y-2}$

$\frac{1}{y^2 - 4} = \frac{A(y-2) + B(y+2)}{(y+2)(y-2)}$

equate numerators

$1 = Ay - 2A + By + 2B$
matching LHS & RHS powers of y:

$\begin{cases} y^1 : (0 = A + B) \times 2 \\ y^0 : (1 = -2A + 2B) \end{cases}$
 $\underline{\hspace{10em}}$
 $1 = 4B \rightarrow B = 1/4$
 $\rightarrow A = -1/4$

So: $\frac{1}{y^2 - 4} = \frac{-1/4}{y+2} + \frac{1/4}{y-2}$

Now integrate the ODE: $\frac{dy}{y^2 - 4} = dx$

$-\frac{1}{4} \int \frac{dy}{y+2} + \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{dy}{y-2} = \int dx$

$-\frac{1}{4} \ln|y+2| + \frac{1}{4} \ln|y-2| = x + C \leftarrow \text{implicit solution}$

$(\hspace{10em}) \times 4$

$$-\ln|y+2| + \ln|y-2| = 4x + C$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{|y-2|}{|y+2|}\right) = 4x + C$$

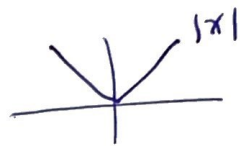
Implicit Soln

• exponentiate

$$\frac{|y-2|}{|y+2|} = Ce^{4x}$$

$$Q: \text{Is } \frac{|y-2|}{|y+2|} = \left| \frac{y-2}{y+2} \right|$$

A: Recall $|x| = \begin{cases} +x & x > 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$



$$\underbrace{\frac{+(y-2)}{+(y+2)}}_{(+)} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{\frac{+(y-2)}{-(y+2)}}_{(-)} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{\frac{-(y-2)}{+(y+2)}}_{(+)} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{\frac{-(y-2)}{-(y+2)}}_{(+)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{+(y-2)}{-(y+2)} = Ce^{4x} \Rightarrow \frac{y-2}{y+2} = \pm Ce^{4x}$$

• Try to solve for y:

$$y-2 = \pm(y+2)Ce^{4x}$$

$$y-2 = \pm yCe^{4x} \pm 2Ce^{4x}$$

$$y \mp yCe^{4x} = 2 \pm 2Ce^{4x}$$

$$y(1 \mp Ce^{4x}) = 2(1 \pm Ce^{4x})$$

$$y = 2 \frac{(1 \pm Ce^{4x})}{(1 \mp Ce^{4x})}$$

BTW:

note $y' = (y-2)(y+2)$

and if $y = \pm 2$

then $y' = 0$ and RHS = 0 also

$y = \pm 2$ is also a soln we learned in 1.2 we will not have a unique soln in this case.

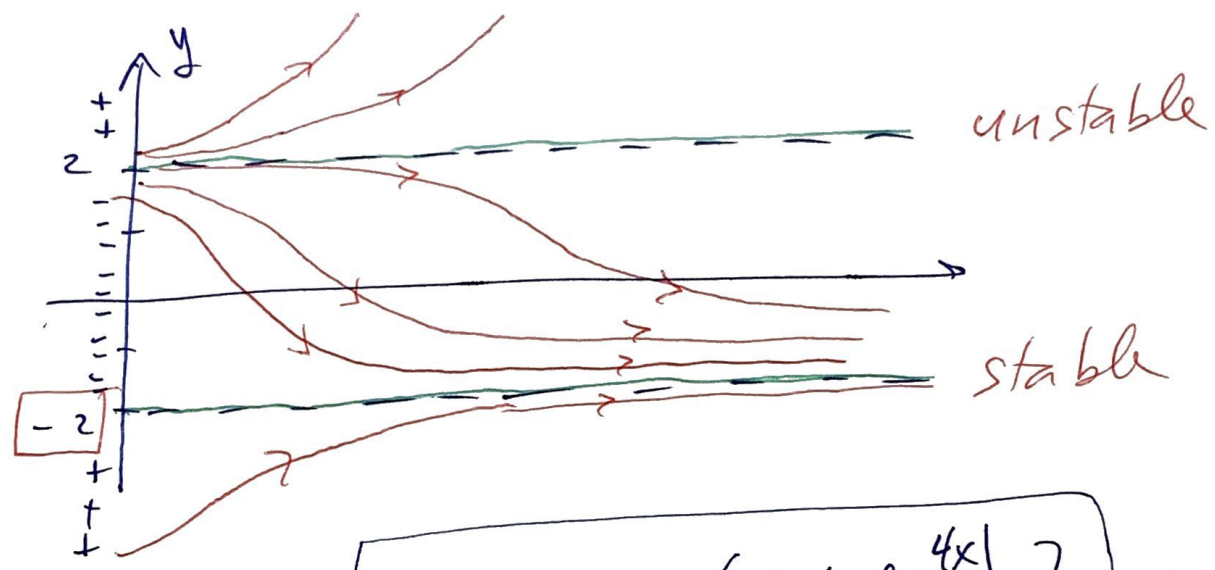
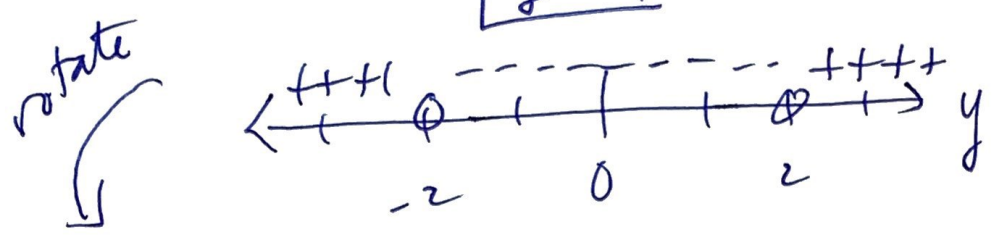
$\pm \frac{1}{4} C$ are determined by I.C.

(ex) cont.

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observe that $y=2$ is a solution (equilibrium)
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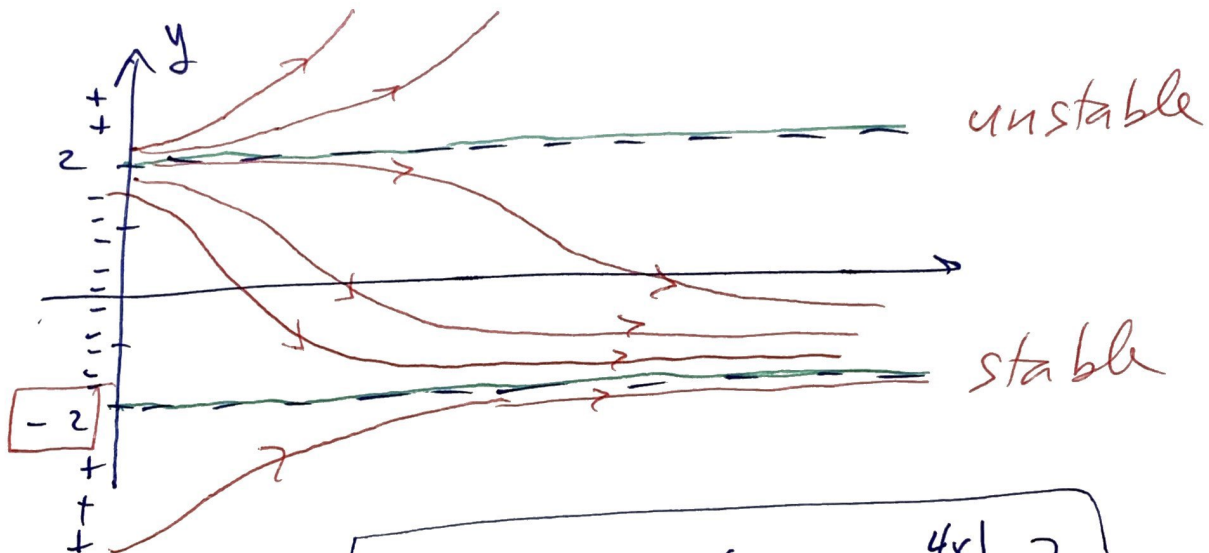
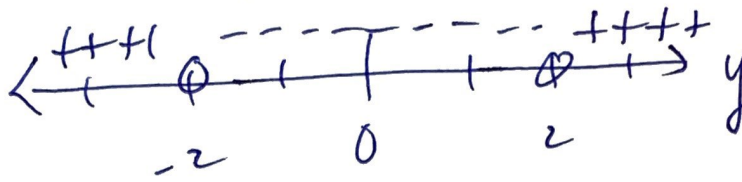
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• look at the original problem $y' = F(y)$ only

ODE: $y' = (y-2)(y+2)$ an Autonomous Eqn

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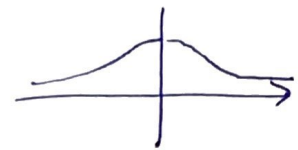
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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-x^2}, \quad y(3) = 5$$



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$$dy = e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$y = \int e^{-x^2} dx + C$$

← normally how we approached I.V.P.

I.C.: we can't integrate $\int e^{-x^2} dx$

Introduce a parameter "t"

i.e. $y(t)$

$$\int_{t=3}^{t=x} \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right) dt = \int_{t=3}^{t=x} e^{-t^2} dt$$

parameter of integration

$$y(t) \Big|_{t=3}^{t=x} = \int_{t=3}^{t=x} e^{-t^2} dt$$

Integrate from the I.C. to any x

$$y(x) - y(3) = \int_{t=3}^{t=x} e^{-t^2} dt$$

numerically

$$y(x) = 5 + \int_3^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

integral eqn.

• Many times we can't evaluate integrals so we treat them as above.

• many times we end up with implicit solns.

$g(y) = f(x)$ and cannot isolate $y = F(x)$.