

Notes to sections 2007.2.6

§ 7.1 P503.

7. (a) Since the derivative $y' = -y^2$ is always negative (or 0 if $y=0$), the function y must be decreasing (or equal to 0) on any interval on which it is defined.

$$(b) \quad y = \frac{1}{x+c} \Rightarrow \text{LHS} = y' = -\frac{1}{(x+c)^2}$$

$$\text{RHS} = -y^2 = -\frac{1}{(x+c)^2}$$

so LHS = RHS

(c) $y=0$ is a solution of $y' = -y^2$ that is not a member of the family in part (b).

(d) If $y(x) = \frac{1}{x+c}$, then $y(0) = \frac{1}{0+c} = \frac{1}{c}$

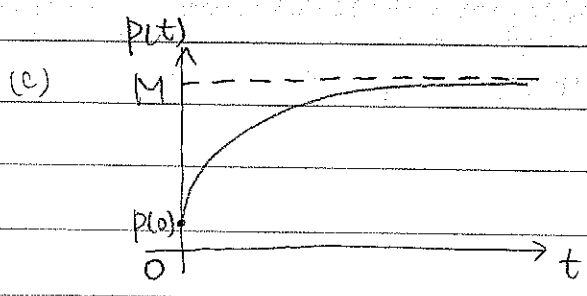
Since $y(0) = 0.5$, $\frac{1}{c} = 0.5 \Rightarrow c = 2$, so $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$.

11 (a) This function is increasing and also decreasing. But $\frac{dy}{dt} = e^t(y-1)^2 \geq 0$ for all t , implying that the graph of the solution of the differential equation cannot be decreasing on any interval.

(b) When $y=1$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$, but the graph doesn't have a horizontal tangent line.

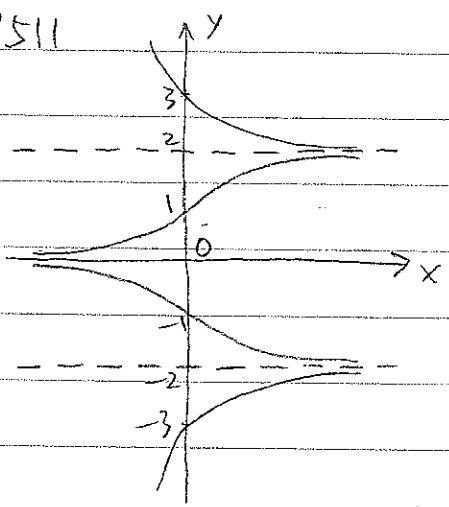
13. (a) P increases most rapidly at the beginning, since there are usually many simple, easily-learned subskills associated with learning a skill. As t increases, we would expect $\frac{dP}{dt}$ to remain positive, but decrease. This is because as time progresses, the only points left to learn are the more difficult ones.

(b) $\frac{dP}{dt} = k(M-P)$ is always positive, so the level of performance P is increasing. As P gets close to M , $\frac{dP}{dt}$ gets close to 0; that is, the performance levels off, as explained in part (a).



§ 7.2 P511

1. (a)



(b) It appears that the constant function $y=0$, $y=-2$ and $y=2$ are equilibrium solutions. Note that these three values of y satisfy the given differential equation $y' = y \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{4}y^2)$

3. $y' = y - 2$ The slopes at each point are independent of x , so the slopes are the same along each line parallel to the x -axis. Thus, III is the direction field for this equation. Note that for $y=2$, $y'=0$

4. $y' = x(2-y)$. The slope equals 0 on the lines $x=0$ and $y=2$. Direction field I satisfies these conditions.

5. $y' = x+y-1$ The slope equals 0 on the line $y=-x+1$. Direction field II satisfies this condition. Notice also that on the line $y=-x$ we have $y'=-1$, which is true in II.

6. $y' = \sin x \sin y$ The slope equals 0 on the lines $x=0$ and $y=0$, and $y' > 0$ for $0 < x < \pi$, $0 < y < \pi$. Direction field II satisfies these conditions.

19. (a) $y' = F(x, y) = y$ and $y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1$

(i) $h = 0.4 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_0 + h = 0 + 0.4 = 0.4$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h F(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.4 \times 1 = 1.4$$

so $y(0.4) \approx y_1 = 1.4$

(ii) $h = 0.2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_0 + h = 0.2, x_2 = x_1 + h = 0.4$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h F(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.2 \times 1 = 1.2$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h F(x_1, y_1) = 1.2 + 0.2 \times 1.2 = 1.44 \approx y(0.4)$$

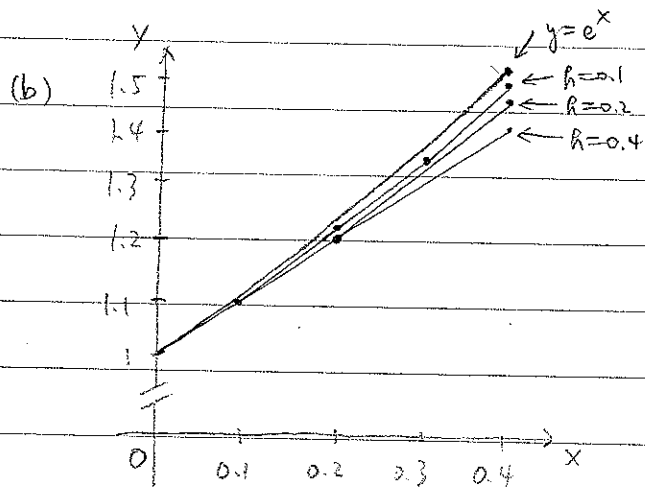
(iii) $h = 0.1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_0 + h = 0.1$, similarly $x_2 = 0.2, x_3 = 0.3, x_4 = 0.4$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h F(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.1 \times 1 = 1.1$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h F(x_1, y_1) = 1.1 + 0.1 \times 1.1 = 1.21$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + h F(x_2, y_2) = 1.21 + 0.1 \times 1.21 = 1.331$$

$$y_4 = y_3 + h F(x_3, y_3) = 1.331 + 0.1 \times 1.331 = 1.4641 \approx y(0.4)$$



We see that the estimates are underestimates since they are all below the graph of $y = e^x$

(c) (i) For $h = 0.4$, error = exact value - approximate value = $e^{0.4} - 1.4 \approx 0.0918$

(ii) For $h = 0.2$, error = exact value - approximate value = $e^{0.4} - 1.44 \approx 0.0518$

(iii) For $h = 0.1$, error = exact value - approximate value = $e^{0.4} - 1.4641 \approx 0.0277$

Each time the step is halved, the error estimate also appears to be halved approximately.

$$23. \quad h=0.1 \quad x_0=0, \quad y_0=1 \quad F(x,y)=y+xy$$

$$\text{Note that } x_1=x_0+h=0.1, \quad x_2=0.2, \quad x_3=0.3, \quad x_4=0.4$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h F(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.1 F(0, 1) = 1 + 0.1 (1 + 0 \times 1) = 1.1$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h F(x_1, y_1) = 1.1 + 0.1 F(0.1, 1.1) = 1.1 + 0.1 (1.1 + 0.1 \times 1.1) = 1.221$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + h F(x_2, y_2) = 1.221 + 0.1 F(0.2, 1.221) = 1.221 + 0.1 (1.221 + 0.2 \times 1.221) = 1.36752$$

$$y_4 = y_3 + h F(x_3, y_3) = 1.36752 + 0.1 F(0.3, 1.36752)$$

$$= 1.36752 + 0.1 (1.36752 + 0.3 \times 1.36752) = 1.5452976$$

$$y_5 = y_4 + h F(x_4, y_4) = 1.5452976 + 0.1 F(0.4, 1.5452976)$$

$$= 1.5452976 + 0.1 (1.5452976 + 0.4 \times 1.5452976) = 1.761639264$$

$$\text{Thus, } y(0.5) \approx y_5 = 1.7616$$