

Week 1, Lecture 3

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We resume our discussion of Picard's Theorem.

We have an approximate solution of the ODE

$$y'(x) = F(x, y(x)), \quad y(x_0) = y_0.$$

This is:

$$y_{n+1}(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y_n(x)) dx$$

with starting value

$$y_0(x) = \text{constant } f^0 = y_0.$$

The aim is to show:

- $y_n(x)$ converges to a limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- The limit solves the ODE
- This is the unique solⁿ of the ODE.

The trick is to introduce

$$u_0(x) = y_0$$

$$u_n(x) = y_n(x) - y_{n-1}(x) \quad n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}.$$

The aim is to put a bound

$$|u_n(x)| \leq M_n$$

on each u_n and hence to apply the Weierstrass M-test.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} |u_1(x)| &= |y(x) - y_0| \\ &= \left| \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y_0) dx \right| \\ &\stackrel{\Delta}{\leq} \int_{x_0}^x |F(x, y_0)| dx \end{aligned}$$

Since F is continuous in each of its variables, we have:

$$|F(x, y)| \leq M \quad \forall x \in [a, b] \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Hence,

$$|u_1(x)| \leq \int_{x_0}^x M dx$$

Without loss of generality, choose $x > x_0$ giving:

$$|u_1(x)| \leq M(x - x_0)$$

Next:

$$|u_2(x)| = \left| \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y_1(x)) dx \right|$$

$$= |y_2(x) - y_1(x)|$$

$$= \left| y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y_1(x)) dx - \left(y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y_0) dx \right) \right|$$

$$= \left| \int_{x_0}^x [F(x, y_1(x)) - F(x, y_0)] dx \right|$$

Hence :

$$|u_2(x)| = \left| \int_{x_0}^x [F(x, y_1(x)) - F(x, y_0)] dx \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{x_0}^x |F(x, y_1(x)) - F(x, y_0)| dx$$

Lipschitz

$$\leq \int_{x_0}^x K |y_1(x) - y_0| dx$$

$$= \int_{x_0}^x K |u_1(x)| dx$$

$$\leq \int_{x_0}^x K \cdot M |x - x_0| dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} KM |x - x_0|^2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{|u_2(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2} M K |x - x_0|^2}$$

Guess the pattern :

$$|u_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{n!} M K^{n-1} |x - x_0|^n$$

Since $|x - x_0| \leq |b - a|$ we have :

$$|u_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{n!} M K^{n-1} |b - a|^n$$

Hence :

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n = \frac{M}{K} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{K^n |b - a|^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{M}{K} e^{K|b-a|} < \infty$$

So, in conclusion:

$$\circ |u_n(x)| \leq M_n$$

$$\circ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n < \infty$$

Hence, by the Weierstrass M-test,
 $\sum_{r=0}^n u_r(x) \rightarrow$ ~~limit~~ (Limit function)
 uniformly, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

But

$$\sum_{r=0}^n u_r(x) \stackrel{\text{telescoping}}{=} y_n(x).$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{r=0}^n u_r(x) = y_n(x) \xrightarrow{\text{uniformly}} y(x).$$

We have shown the first part.

The aim next is to show that the limit function $y(x)$ solves the ODE.

We have:

$$\left| y(x) - y_0 - \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y(x)) dx \right|$$

$$= \left| y(x) - y_0 - \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y(x)) dx \right|$$

$$- \left(y_{N+1}(x) - y_0 - \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y_N(x)) dx \right)$$

which we want to show is zero

Trick

$$= \left| y(x) - y_{N+1}(x) - \int_{x_0}^x [F(x, y(x)) - F(x, y_N(x))] dx \right. \quad \overline{V}$$

$$\triangleq \left| y(x) - y_{N+1}(x) \right|$$

$$+ \int_{x_0}^x |F(x, y(x)) - F(x, y_N(x))| dx$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\epsilon}_{\text{TAIL}} + \int_{x_0}^x K |y(x) - y_N(x)| dx$$

$$\leq \epsilon + \epsilon \cdot K \int_{x_0}^x 1 dx$$

$$= \epsilon + \epsilon \cdot K \cdot |x - x_0|$$

$$\leq \epsilon + \epsilon \cdot K \cdot |b - a|$$

Since ϵ can be made arbitrarily small, it follows that $|\dots|$ which we started with is zero, hence:

$$\left| y(x) - y_0 - \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y(x)) dx \right| = 0$$

hence $y(x)$ solves the ODE.

Uniqueness :

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Suppose that $y(x)$ and $Y(x)$ both solve the ODE with the same initial conditions.

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} |Y(x) - y(x)| &= \left| y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x F(x, Y(x)) dx - \left(y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x F(x, y(x)) dx \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{x_0}^x [F(x, Y(x)) - F(x, y(x))] dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_{x_0}^x |F(x, Y(x)) - F(x, y(x))| dx \\ &\stackrel{\text{Lipschitz}}{\leq} \int_{x_0}^x K |Y(x) - y(x)| dx \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Now, $y(x)$ and $Y(x)$ must be continuous (indeed, differentiable), so the difference $|Y(x) - y(x)|$ is bounded :

$$|Y(x) - y(x)| \leq C \quad \forall x \in [a, b].$$

Hence, going back to (*), we have :

$$|Y(x) - y(x)| \leq K \cdot C |x - x_0|$$

We iterate this procedure by plugging back into (*) :

$$|Y(x) - y(x)| \leq K \int_{x_0}^x K C |x - x_0|^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} K^2 C |x - x_0|^2$$

Continue iterating, to get :

$$|Y(x) - y(x)| \leq \frac{1}{n!} K^n |x - x_0|^n \cdot C$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n!} K^n |b - a|^n \cdot C$$

Everything on the RHS is constant and bounded and x - and y -independent, so taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ we get :

$$|Y(x) - y(x)| \leq 0$$

hence :

$Y(x) = y(x)$ and the solution is unique.

