

Homework 1: First Order ODE

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Throughout the exercises, we always use $y(t)$ to represent the unknown function and t for variable.

Exercise 1. (3 points) Draw the directional field of $y' = \sin(t)$, $y' = \cos(t)$, $y' = y \cos(t)$.

Exercise 2. (3 points) Solve the following initial value problem.

1. $y' = \sin(5t)$ for $y(0) = 2$.
2. $y' = e^t + t$ for $y(0) = 0$.
3. $y' = (y - 1)(y + 1)$ for $y(0) = 3$.

Exercise 3. (3 points) Take $y' = f(t, y)$, $y(0) = 0$, where $f(t, y) > 1$ for all t and y . If the solution exists for all t , can you say what happens to $y(t)$ as t goes to positive infinity? Explain.

Exercise 4. (3 points) Is it possible to solve the equation $y' = y\sqrt{|t|}$ for $y(0) = 0$? Is the solution unique? Justify.

Exercise 5 (A simple example of fixed point). (3 points) Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{2}$, and we construct an iteration $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$. Then, for any $x_0 \in [-1, 1]$, prove that

1. This iteration admits a limit that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_*$.
2. This limit x_* does not depend on the initial value.
3. Calculate x_* .

Exercise 6 (On Banach fixed point theorem). (5 points)

1. State the Banach fixed point theorem.
2. Explain why this theorem requires a complete metric space.
3. Prove this theorem.
4. Justify briefly how this theorem is applied to Picard's iteration.