

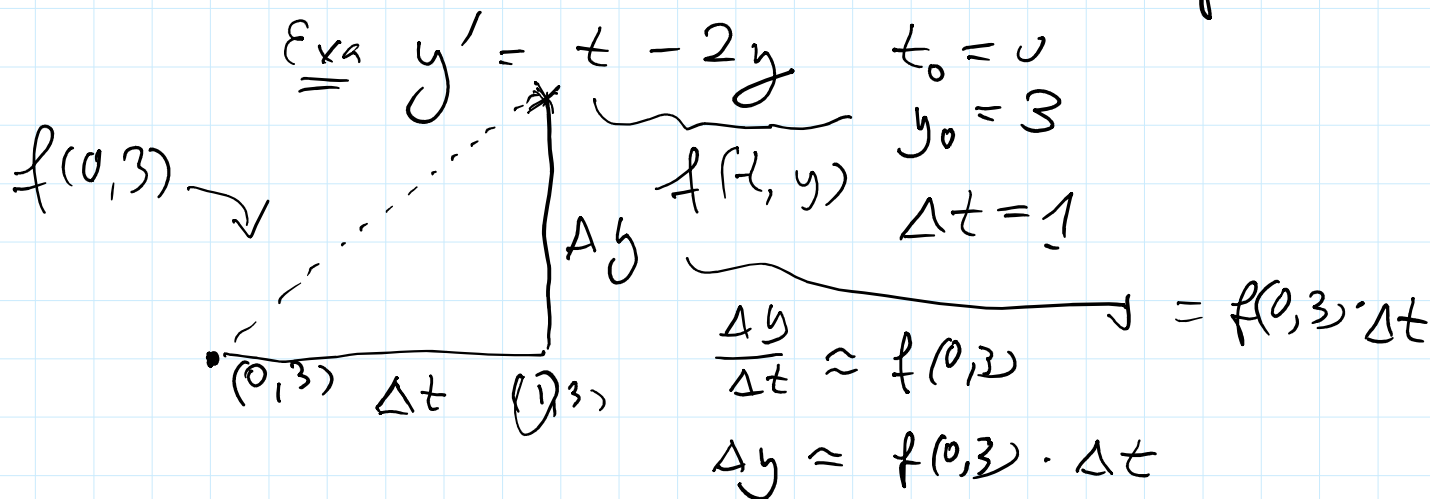
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Euler's Method

→ numerical approximation to an initial value problem



$$t_1 = t_0 + \Delta t = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \Delta y \stackrel{y_0}{=} f(t_0, y_0) \cdot \Delta t$$

$$= \stackrel{y_0}{=} f(0, 3) \cdot 1$$

$$= y_0 + (-6) \cdot 1$$

$$= 3 - 6 = -3$$

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 $\Delta t$  time-step

$$t_1 = 1, y_1 = -3$$

$$t_2 = t_1 + \Delta t = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \Delta y = y_1 + f(t_1, y_1) \cdot \Delta t$$

$$= -3 + 7 \cdot 1 = 4$$

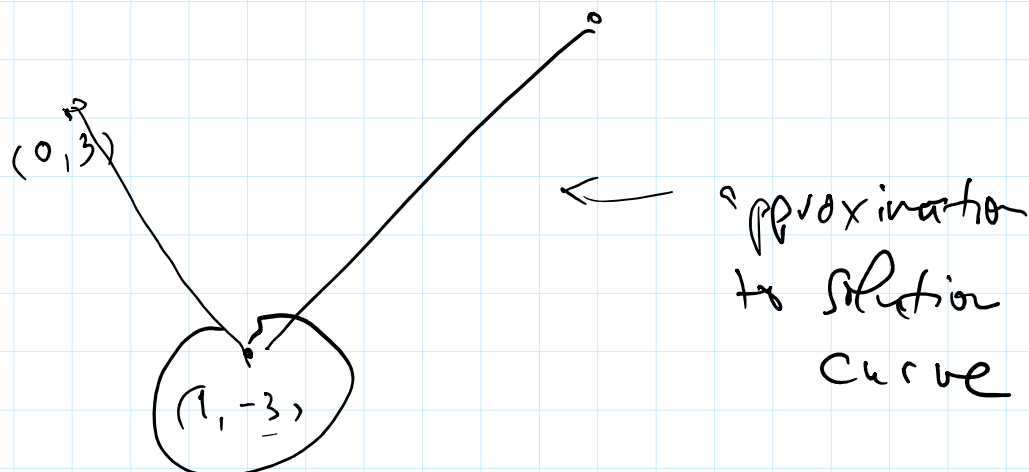
$$f(t, y)$$

$$= t - 2y$$

$$= 1 - 2(-3)$$

$$= 7$$

$$t_2 = 2 \quad y_2 = 4$$



Example :  $y' = t^2 y + 1$        $t_0 = 0$   
 $y_0 = 1$   
 $f(t, y) = t^2 y + 1$        $\Delta t = 1$

$t_0 = 0$   
 $y_0 = 1$

$$t_1 = t_0 + \Delta t = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \Delta y = y_0 + f(t_0, y_0) \cdot \Delta t$$

$$= 1 + 1 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$t_1 = 1$   
 $y_1 = 2$

$$t_2 = t_1 + \Delta t = 2$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \Delta y = y_1 + f(t_1, y_1) \cdot \Delta t$$

$$2 + 3 \cdot 1 = 5$$

$f(t, y)$   
 $t^2 y + 1$

$$f' = t^2 y + 1$$

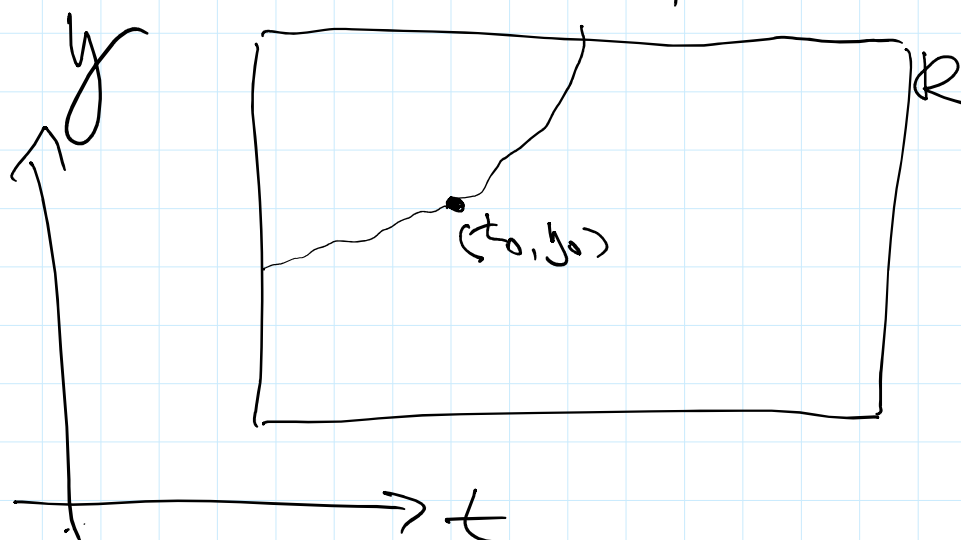
$$f(1, 2) = 3$$

$$t_2 = 2$$

$$y_2 = 5$$

$$2 + 3 \cdot 1 = 5$$

Existence and Uniqueness of Solutions



$$D \in \mathbb{Q}:$$

$$\overline{y'} = f(t, y)$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0$$

theorem: If  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous on  $R$ , then the IVP will have a unique solution as long as the solution stays in the rectangle

Example

$$y' = t^2 y$$

$$f(t, y) = t^2 y$$

continuous on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t, y) = t^2$$

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$$f(t, y) = \frac{1}{4}(t^2 + y^2)$$

$$f(t,y) = \sin(t^2 + y^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \cos(t^2 + y^2) \cdot 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \cos(t^2 + y^2) \cdot 2t$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t,y) = t^2$$

hold  $t$  constant  
and take derivative  
w.r.t.  $y$

exists  
only for  $t < \beta$

Example

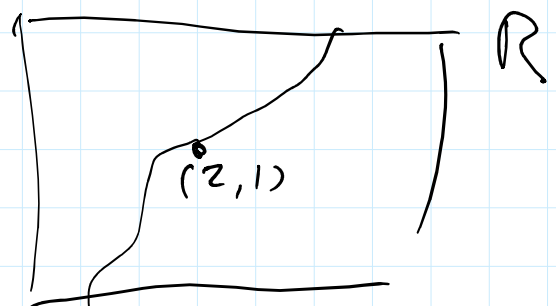
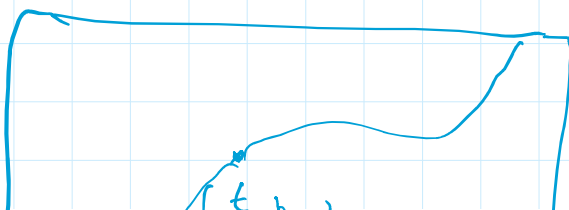
$$y' = \frac{y}{t-1}$$

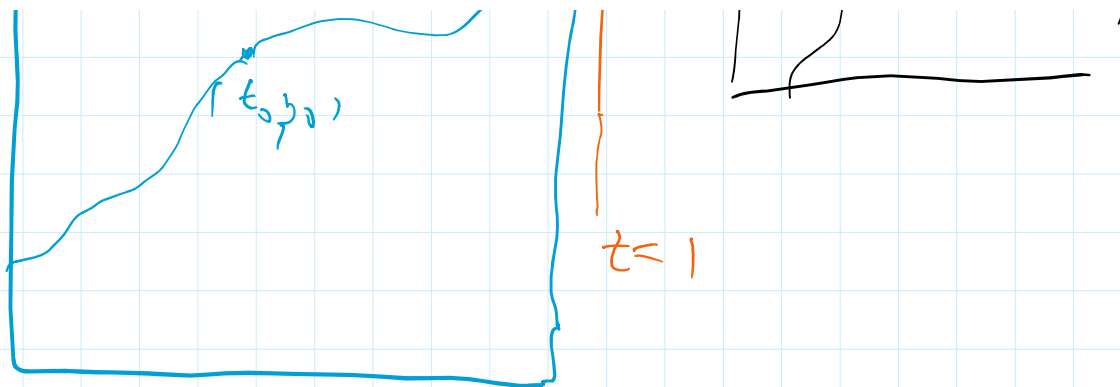
$$y_0 = 1, t = 2$$

$$f(t,y) = \frac{y}{t-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t,y) = \frac{1}{t-1}$$

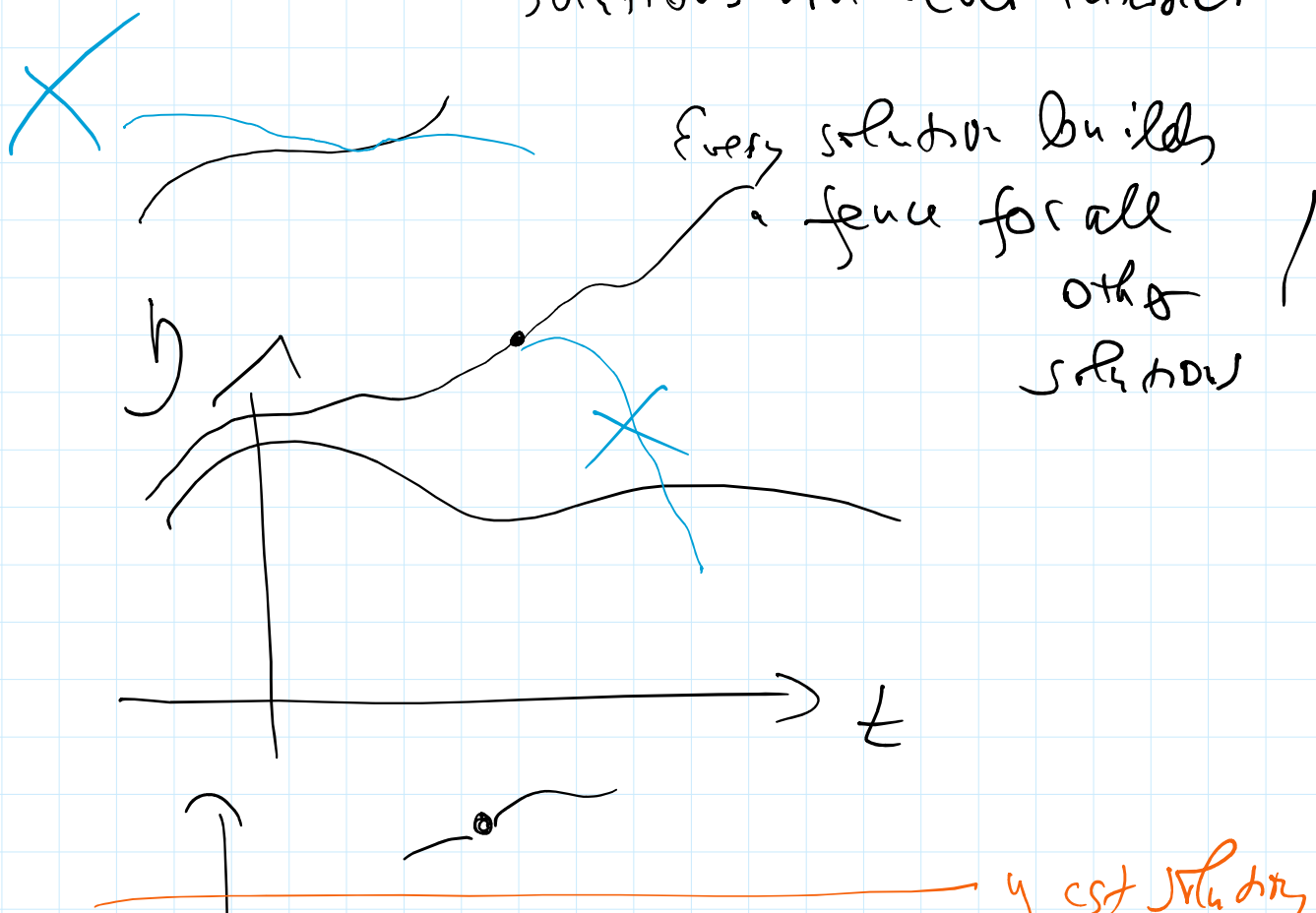
w.r.t.  $y$  except  
when  $t = 1$

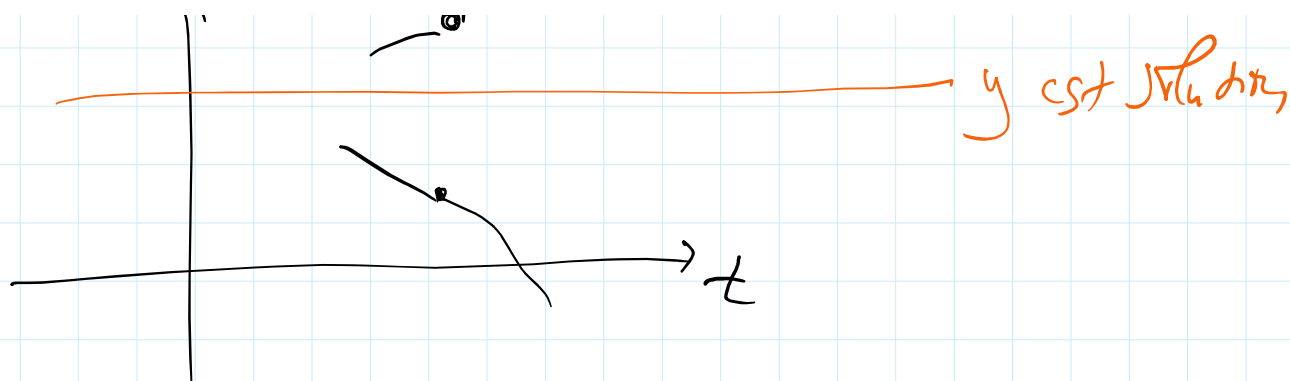




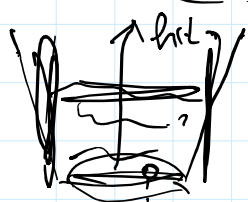
Suppose  $f$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$  are continuous  
everywhere  
What can we say about solutions  
to  $y' = f(t, y)$ ?

- we can solve all IVPs locally
- solutions will never intersect





## Torricelli's Law



$h(t)$  is the height of water in the cylindrical bucket

how does the height of the water change over time.

$$h'(t) = -2\sqrt{h(t)}$$

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$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -2h^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

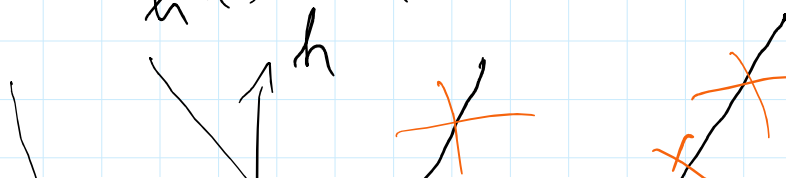
$$-\frac{1}{2}h^{-\frac{1}{2}} dh = dt$$

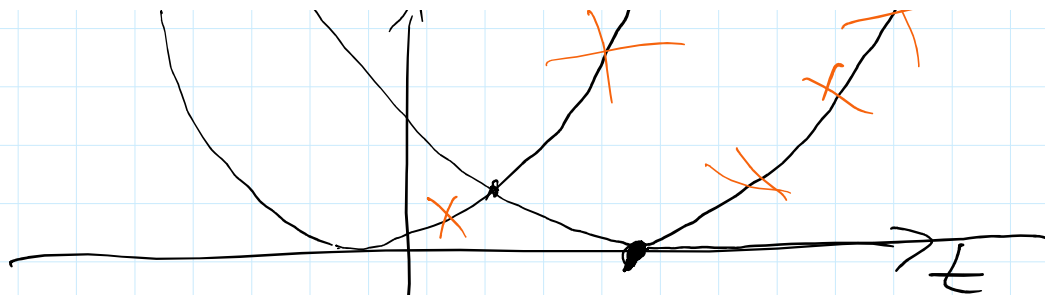
$$-\frac{1}{2} \int h^{-\frac{1}{2}} dh = t + C$$

$$-h^{\frac{1}{2}} = t + C$$

Solve for  $h$ :

$$h(t) = (t + C)^2$$





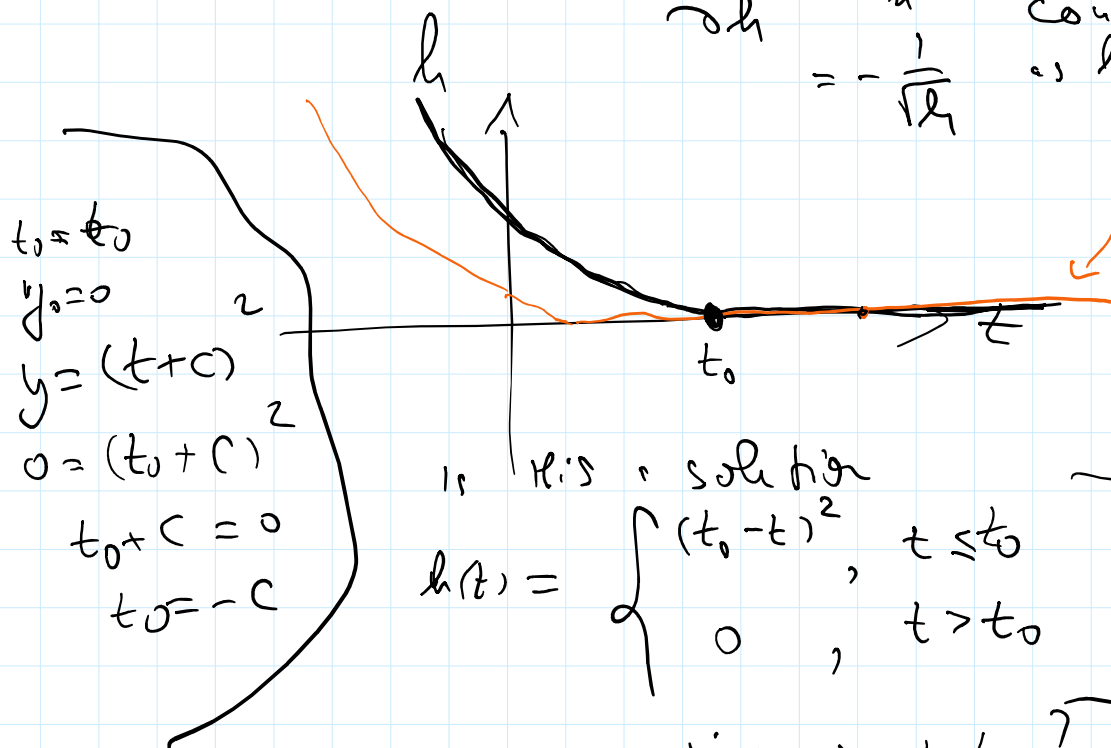
Ex 8 uniqueness theorem

$$f(t, h) = -2h^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

continuous as long as  $h \geq 0$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial h} = -h^{-\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{h}}$$

continuous as long as  $h > 0$



$$\begin{aligned} t_0 &= t_0 \\ y_0 &= 0 \\ y &= (t+c)^2 \\ 0 &= (t_0+c)^2 \\ t_0+c &= 0 \\ t_0 &= -c \end{aligned}$$

is this a solution

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} (t_0 - t)^2, & t \leq t_0 \\ 0, & t > t_0 \end{cases}$$

continuous at  $t_0$ ?

does  $h'$  exist at  $t_0$ ?

$$h'(t) = -2(t_0 - t) \text{ when } t \leq t_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow t_0$$