

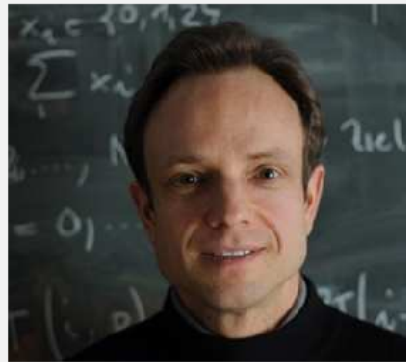
Course Video

Section 6.1: Initial-Value Problems (IVPs) for Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)

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Prerequisites.

- Concept of ODE from analysis course
- Basic results about existence and uniqueness of solutions of initial-value problems

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VI. Numerical Integration – Single-Step Methods

6.1. Initial-Value Problems for ODEs

6.1.1. Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)

$$\frac{dy}{dt}(t) =: \dot{y}(t) = f(t, y(t)) \quad (\text{ODE})$$

$f: I \times D \rightarrow D$: r.h.s. function, continuous
 $\uparrow$ interval

$D \subset \mathbb{R}^N \triangleq$ state space (configuration space)

$y \in C^1(I, D)$ is a solution, if (ODE) satisfied $\forall t \in I$

For $N > 1$ $\dot{y} = f(t, y)$ can be viewed as a system of ordinary differential equations:

$$\dot{y} = f(t, y) \iff \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t, y_1, \dots, y_N) \\ \vdots \\ f_N(t, y_1, \dots, y_N) \end{bmatrix}.$$

② Smoothness of solutions :

$y = y(t)$ is a solution of $\dot{y} = f(y)$ & $f \in C^n(D)$
 $\Rightarrow y \in C^{n+1}(I, D)$

Linear ODEs

Scalar case, $N=1$: $\dot{y} = ay$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$

One-parameter family of solution : $y(t) = ce^{at}$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$N > 1$: $\dot{y} = Ay$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N,N}$

Diagonalization :

$A = SDS^{-1}$, $S \in \mathbb{R}^{N,N}$ regular, $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) \in \mathbb{R}^{N,N}$, (6.1.1.13)

$\dot{y} = SDS^{-1}y \Rightarrow \dot{z} = Dz$ with $z(t) := S^{-1}y(t)$.

Decoupled scalar ODEs : $\dot{z}_j = \lambda_j z_j$

$y(t) = S \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_N t} \end{bmatrix} S^{-1}w$ for some $w \in \mathbb{R}^N$. (6.1.1.14)

$\uparrow$ N -parameter family of solution $\uparrow$ parameter

6.1.2. Mathematical Modeling with ODEs

- Classical rigid-body mechanics : $\ddot{y} = f(y)$ [Newton's law]
- Electrical circuits, transients
- Chemical reaction kinetics

Ex. 6.1.2.5 (Population dynamics : predator-prey model)

$N=2$: $y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{prey} \\ \text{predator} \end{matrix}$ (population densities)
 [viewed as continuous vars]



State space $D = [0, \infty)^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

ODE-based model: autonomous Lotka-Volterra ODE:

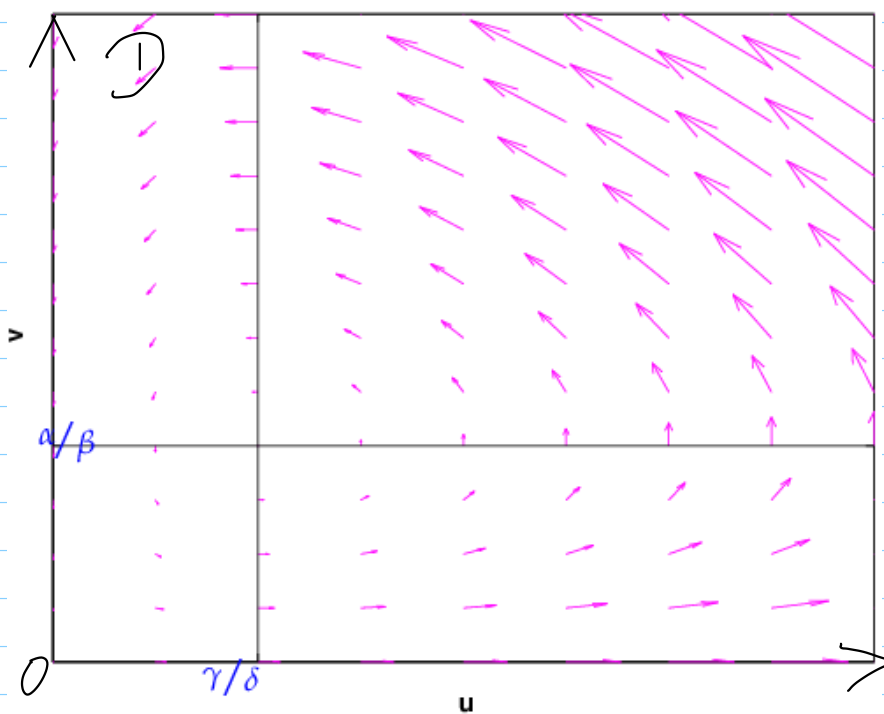
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= (\alpha - \beta v)u \\ \dot{v} &= (\delta u - \gamma)v \end{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \dot{y} = f(y) \text{ with } y = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}, f(y) = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha - \beta v)u \\ (\delta u - \gamma)v \end{bmatrix}, \quad (6.1.2.6)$$

with positive model parameters $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta > 0$.

$v = 0$: $\dot{u} = \alpha u \Rightarrow$ exponential growth

$u = 0$: $\dot{v} = -\gamma v \Rightarrow$ exp. decay

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△ state plane

$$\rightarrow \hat{=} \dot{\gamma} \rightarrow \underline{f}(\gamma)$$

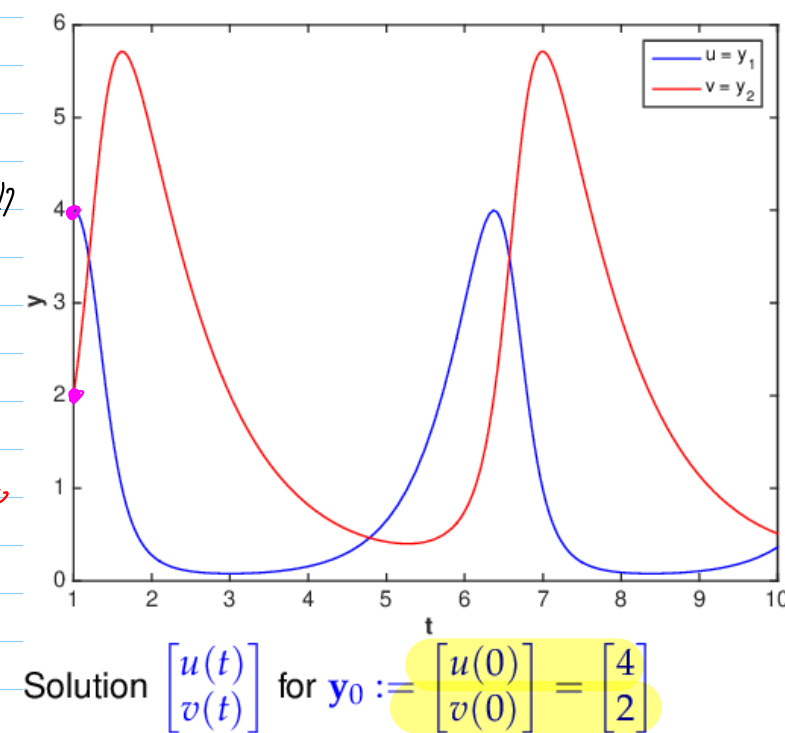
 $\underline{f} \hat{=} \text{vector field}$
 velocity field

Need to impose an initial state at some initial time t_0 to obtain a unique solution

$$\Downarrow$$

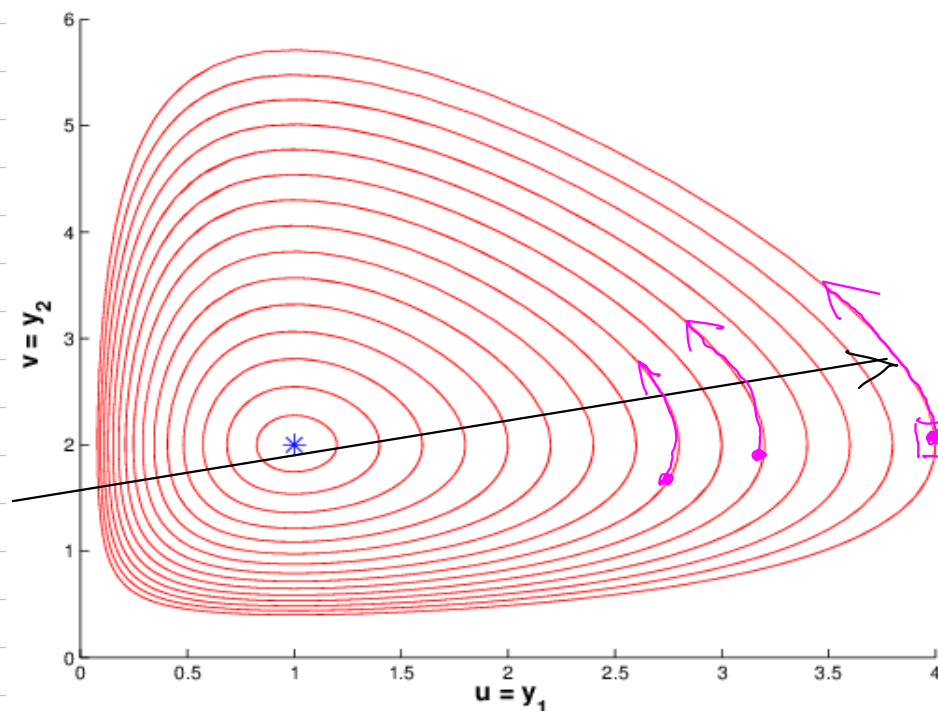
 IVP

$$\dot{\gamma} = \underline{f}(\gamma) \text{ \& } \gamma(t_0) = \gamma_0$$



$t \mapsto \gamma(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$
 $\hat{=} \text{a curve in the plane}$

A solution curve
 a trajectory



Solution curves for (6.1.2.6)

Definition 6.1.2.4. Autonomous ODE

An ODE of the form $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$, that is, with a right hand side function that does not depend on time, but only on state, is called **autonomous**.

§ 6.1.3.3 (IVPs for autonomous ODEs)

$$t \mapsto \gamma(t) \text{ solves } \dot{\gamma} = \underline{f}(\gamma)$$

$\Rightarrow t \mapsto \gamma(t - \tau)$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$, will also be a solution

$\Rightarrow$ We can always fix $t_0 = 0$!

6.1.3. Theory of initial-value problems (IVPs)

A generic **Initial value problem** (IVP) for a **first-order ordinary differential equation** (ODE) can be stated as: find a function $\mathbf{y} : I \rightarrow D$ that satisfies, cf. Def. 6.1.1.2,

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0. \quad (6.1.3.2)$$

- $\mathbf{f} : I \times D \mapsto \mathbb{R}^N \triangleq$ **right hand side** (r.h.s.) ($N \in \mathbb{N}$),
- $I \subset \mathbb{R} \triangleq$ (time)interval $\leftrightarrow$ "time variable" t ,
- $D \subset \mathbb{R}^N \triangleq$ **state space/phase space** $\leftrightarrow$ "state variable" $\mathbf{y}$,
- $\Omega := I \times D \triangleq$ **extended state space** (of tuples $(t, \mathbf{y})$),
- $t_0 \in I \triangleq$ initial time, $\mathbf{y}_0 \in D \triangleq$ initial state $\triangleright$ **initial conditions**.

mild smoothness requirement, satisfied for $\mathbf{f} \in C^1$

Theorem 6.1.3.16. Theorem of Peano & Picard-Lindelöf

If the right hand side function $\mathbf{f} : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}^N$ is **locally Lipschitz continuous** ($\rightarrow$ Def. 6.1.3.12) then for all initial conditions $(t_0, \mathbf{y}_0) \in \Omega$ the IVP

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0. \quad (6.1.3.2)$$

has a solution $\mathbf{y} \in C^1(J(t_0, \mathbf{y}_0), \mathbb{R}^N)$ with **maximal** (temporal) domain of definition $J(t_0, \mathbf{y}_0) \subset \mathbb{R}$.

existence & uniqueness

intrinsic temporal domain of definition

Ex. 6.1.3.19 ("Explosion equation")

Scalar IVP: $\dot{y} = y^2, \quad y(0) = y_0 \in \mathbb{D} := \mathbb{R}$

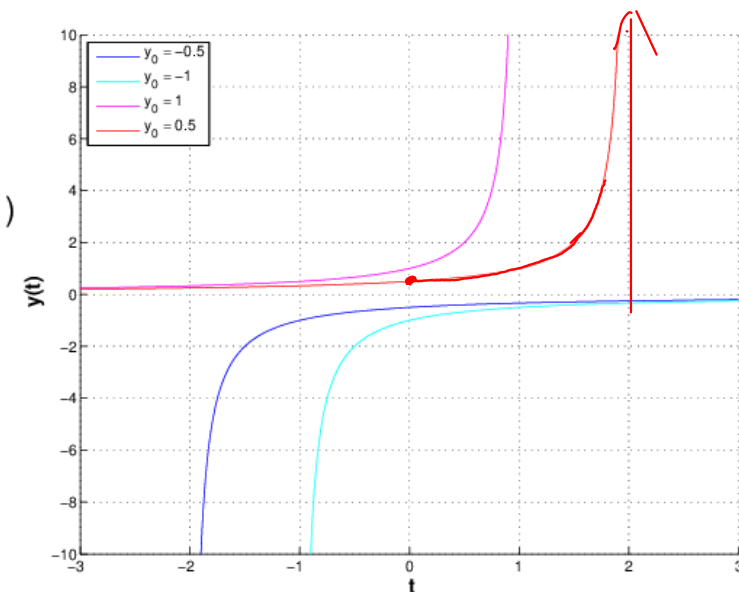
We find the solutions (a family)

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{y_0^{-1} - t} & , \text{ if } y_0 \neq 0, \\ 0 & , \text{ if } y_0 = 0, \end{cases} \quad (6.1.3.21)$$

with domains of definition

$$J(y_0) = \begin{cases}]-\infty, y_0^{-1}[& , \text{ if } y_0 > 0, \\ \mathbb{R} & , \text{ if } y_0 = 0, \\]y_0^{-1}, \infty[& , \text{ if } y_0 < 0. \end{cases}$$

finite-time blow-up



§ 6.1.4.3. (Autonomization: Conversion into autonomous ODE)

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$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}) : \quad \mathbf{z}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}(t) \\ t \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{D} \times I \subset \mathbb{R}^{N+1}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}_{N+1}, \mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \triangleq \text{Aut ODE in } \mathbf{z}$$

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Rem 6.1.3.5: From higher-order ODEs to first-order ODEs

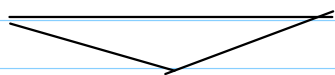
2nd-order ODE (autonomous): $\ddot{y} = f(y)$

New unknown $z(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$

$$\dot{z}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}(t) \\ f(y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{N+1} \\ f(z_1, \dots, z_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

+ initial values $z(0) = z_0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y(0) = y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N \\ \dot{y}(0) = v_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N \end{cases}$

For ODEs of order $n \in \mathbb{N}$ well-posed initial value problems need to specify initial values for the first $n-1$ derivatives.



Focus on 1st-order autonomous IVPs

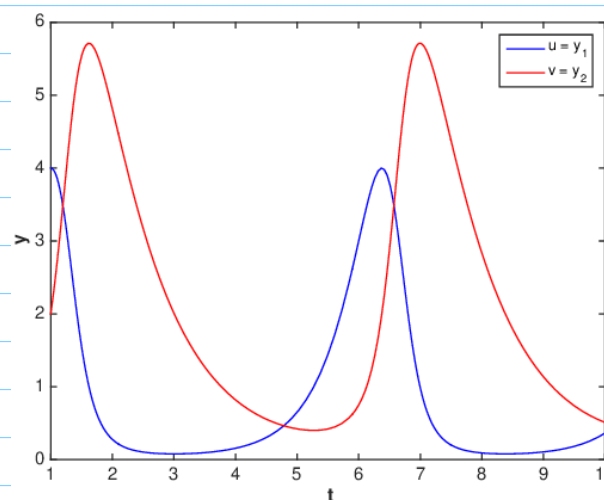
$$\dot{y} = f(y), \quad y(0) = y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

6.1.4. Evolution Operators

$$\text{IVP: } \dot{y} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ f \in C^1}}{f(y)}, \quad y(0) = y_0 \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^N \quad (6.1.3.17)$$

Assumption 6.1.4.1. Global solutions (for simplicity)

Solutions of (6.1.3.17) are global: $J(y_0) = \mathbb{R}$ for all $y_0 \in D$.



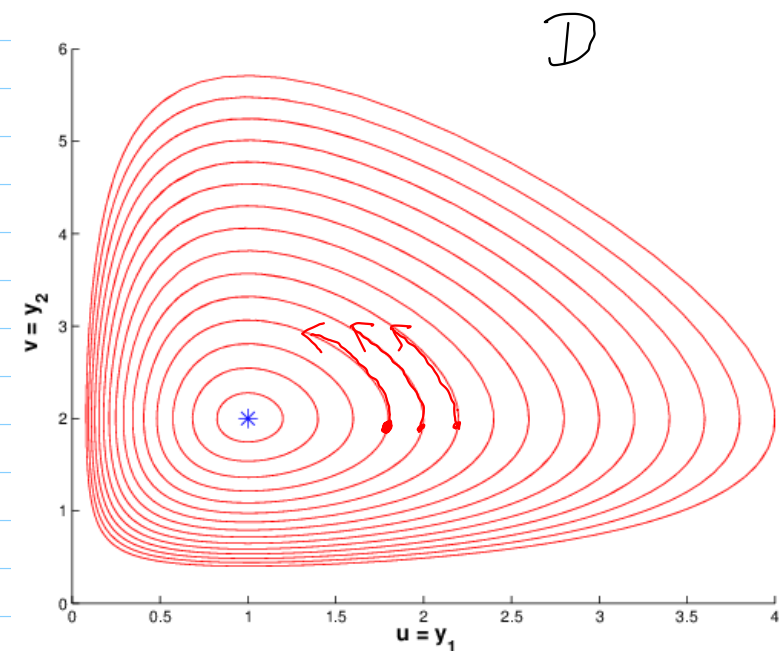
Solution $\begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix}$ for $y_0 := \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

II. Time t fixed

$y_0 \rightarrow y(t)$
 $\uparrow$
 solution of IVP

$D \rightarrow D$

Two perspective
 I. y_0 fixed
 Trajectory $t \mapsto y(t)$



Solution curves for (6.1.2.6)

Definition 6.1.4.3. Evolution operator/mapping

Under Ass. 6.1.4.1 the mapping

$$\Phi : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} \times D \mapsto D \\ (t, y_0) \mapsto \Phi^t y_0 := y(t) \end{cases},$$

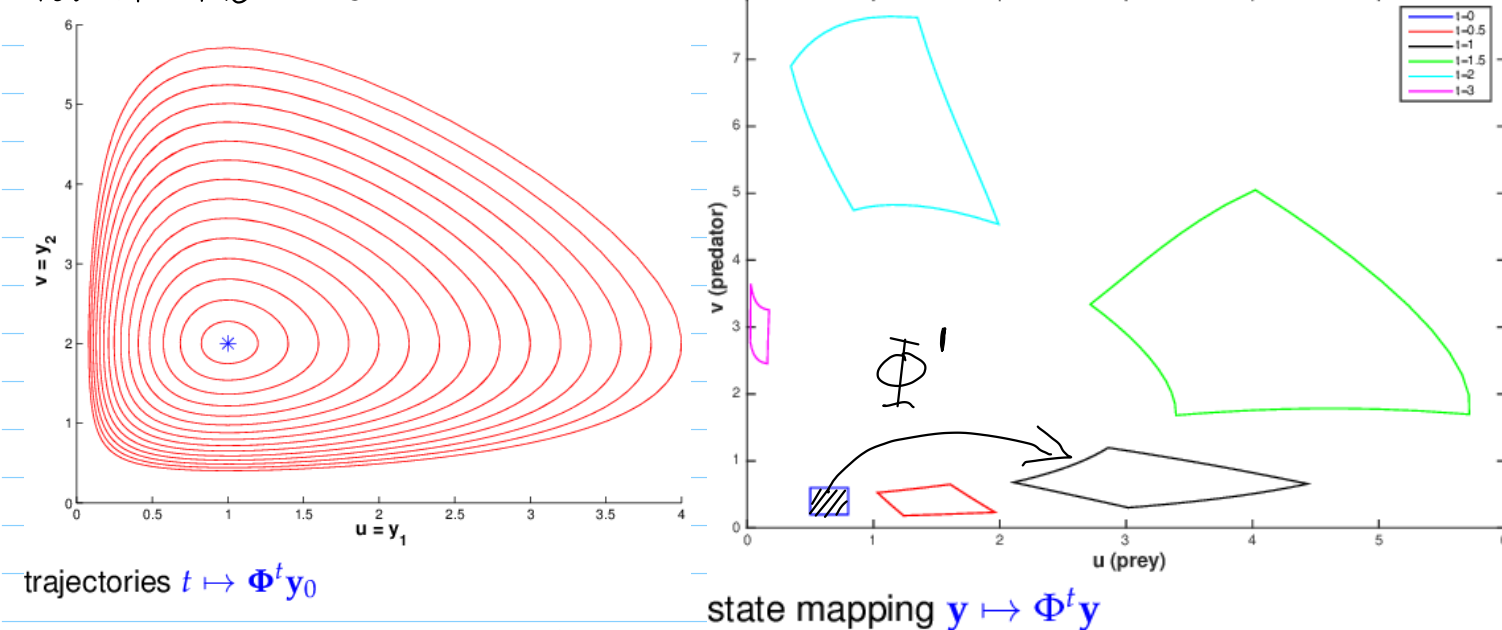
where $t \mapsto y(t) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^N)$ is the unique (global) solution of the IVP $\dot{y} = f(y)$, $y(0) = y_0$, is the **evolution operator**/mapping for the autonomous ODE $\dot{y} = f(y)$.

Rem. 6.1.3.22 (IVPs vs. BVPs)

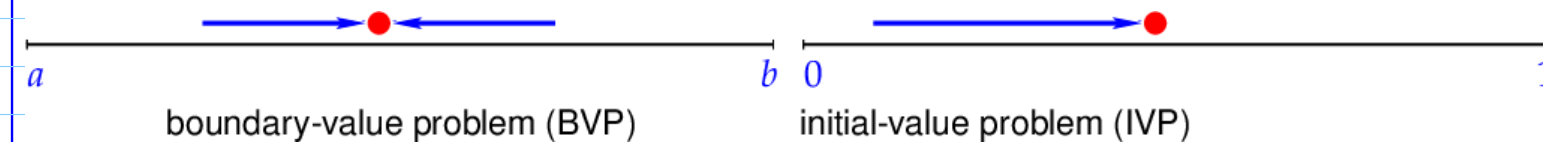
2nd-order scalar elliptic 2-pt. BVP on $[a, b]$:

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left(\sigma(x) \frac{du}{dx}(x) \right) = f \quad \text{in }]a, b[\quad , \quad u(a) = u_a, \quad u(b) = u_b. \quad (1.5.1.16)$$

Illustration for Ex. 6.1.2.5



- $\mathbb{E}(y) = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(0, y) \Rightarrow \Phi \text{ contains ODE}$
- Autonomous ODEs: $\Phi^s \circ \Phi^t = \Phi^{s+t}$ (group property)



Please answer review questions

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review questions 6.1.4.8

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Numerical integration is concerned with the approximation of evolution operators.

