

 Info

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Flow of a vector field in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Also the standard 1-order ODE in $\mathbb{R}^n$, the standard *ordinary differential equation*.

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title: geometric pov on differential equations:  $1^{\text{st}}$ -ODE in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ 

| solving differential equations | analysis and
geometry of vector fields |
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| an equation  $\dot{x} = \mathbf{f}(x)$  |
a vector field  $\mathbf{f}: \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ 
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| solutions of the equation  $\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= \mathbf{f}(x(t)) \\ x(0) &= x_0 \end{aligned}$  | integral curves of the
vector field  $t \mapsto \Phi^{\mathbf{f}}_t(x_0)$  |
| how solutions depend on initial conditions  $x_0 \mapsto x(t)$  | flows
of the vector field  $x_0 \mapsto \Phi^{\mathbf{f}}_t(x_0)$ 
|
| conserved quantities | integrals of the vector
field |
| (linearly) decoupling the differential equation  $\dot{z}_i = f_i(z_i)$ 
( $z_i$ ) | (linear) coordinate transformation such that
 $\mathbf{f} = \sum_i f_i(z_i) \hat{z}_i$  |

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Definition. Flow of a vector field

Given a vector field $\mathbf{f} : \mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ where $\mathcal{P}$ is called the *phase space*, a map $\Phi : \mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(t, \mathbf{x}) \mapsto \Phi_t(\mathbf{x})$$

is the **flow** of $\mathbf{f}$ if

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_t(x_0) = f(\Phi_t(x_0))$$

🌀 pov on differential equations: convert n -degree differential equation in $\mathbb{R}$ to 1-ODE in $\mathbb{R}^n$ ➤

From $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathfrak{D}^n f(x) = \mathcal{F}(x, f(x), \mathfrak{D}f(x), \dots, \mathfrak{D}^{n-1}f(x))$$

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$$q \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \quad q_i(x) := \mathfrak{D}f^n(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} q_0 \\ q_1 \\ \dots \\ q_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \dots \\ \mathcal{F}(q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition. Local and global solutions

Volume change by flows on $\mathbb{R}^n$

- **eat**
- **t** - types/extension
 - types of $\mathcal{D}$
 - types of f
 - linear
 - polynomial
 - quadratic
 - rational
 - types of Φ_f
 - conservative/dissipative
- **p** - constructing more/attachments/constructed with
 - from the standard n -ODE in $\mathbb{R}$
 - vector fields
 - from derivatives of $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow G$
- **m** - structures/more structure
 - integrals Conserved quantities for Flow of a vector field in $\mathbb{R}^n$
 - k -integrable
 - symmetry

- v - properties space.R.n.f.field vector flows.v
 - local
 - existence, uniqueness
 - global
 - orbits
 - periodic
 - volumes/measure
 - Probability distribution of flow
 - parameters
 - bifurcations
- ~~s - subsets~~
- ~~f - functions/equations(polynomials, equations, differential equations)/dynamics~~
 - equivalent flows?
- b - function spaces, attachments, bundles and duals

- o - external effects
- e - equivalences
 - equivalences and automorphisms
 - identifications
- c - list/examples/classification upto isom

(Peano-Cauchy)

Let f be continuous in

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then $\exists$ at least one local solution of the dynamical equation.

Every solution $x(t)$ of

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with $x(0) = x_0$ can be continued to a maximal level of existence $(t_1, t_2) \ni 0$.
If t_1, t_2 are finite, then for any compact $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, $\exists t \in (t_1, t_2)$ with $x(t) \notin \mathcal{K}$.

The last implication means that solutions will diverse or reach $\partial\mathcal{D}$.

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- stem
 - subobjects of and functions on $\mathbb{R}^n, S^n, \mathbb{C}^n$ and its quotients $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{R}^n, \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{C}^n$
 - ODEs in $\mathbb{R}^n \leftrightarrow$ Vector fields in $\mathbb{R}^n$
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And it has 10 siblings.

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 - Fixed points
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 - Hamiltonian vector fields in $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ with standard symplectic form
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