

## Initial Value Problems: Existence and Uniqueness Result for ODEs

We will show existence and uniqueness of sol. for the Initial Value P'bm

$$(IVP) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

We suppose  $f \in C(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$  (continuous), where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is a domain (open, connected).

$$(t_0, x_0) \in \Omega.$$

Integrating both sides w.r.t  $t$ :  $\int_{t_0}^t x'(s) ds = \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds$ , given

$$x(t) = x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds.$$

The sol.  $x(t)$  satisfies this integral equation.

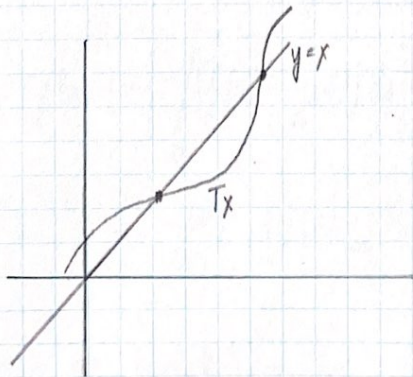
We can formulate this as an eqn. of the form

$$x = Tx$$

in a suitably chosen Banach space  $X$  and  $T: C \subseteq X \rightarrow X$  is (space of fns.)

an mapping (operator). An element  $x \in X$  is called a fixed point of  $T$  if  $Tx = x$ , or if  $x$  solves:  $x - Tx = 0$ . ( $Tx$  denotes the image of  $x$  by  $T$ )

For example if  $X = \mathbb{R}$ , and  $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous map, the fixed pts of  $T$  are points  $x$  where the graph of  $T$  ( $y = Tx$ ) intersects the line  $y = x$ .





How to find Fixed-Points

Start with  $x_0 \in C \subseteq X$ , and iteratively define  $x_1 = Tx_0, \dots, x_{m+1} = Tx_m$ .

When does such a seq  $(x_m)$  converge. Note that if  $x_\infty = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m$  exists in  $X$ , then  $x_\infty \in C$  since the set  $C$  is closed and  $x_\infty$  is a fixed point as the map  $T$  is continuous, hence passing to the limit gives  $x_\infty = Tx_\infty$ .

→ Suppose the map  $T: C \rightarrow X$  satisfies  $\|Tx - Ty\|_X \leq \theta \|x - y\|_X$   
 $\forall x, y \in C \subset X$  with  $\theta < 1$ ,  
contraction mapping

here  $\|\cdot\|_X$  denotes the norm (distance) of the Banach sp.  $X$

so for a contraction map  $T$ , the distance between the images  $Tx$  and  $Ty$  of the points  $x, y \in X$  under the mapping is smaller than the distance between  $x$  and  $y$ . (hence contraction).

Example 1  $X = C([0,1])$ : The space of continuous fns. on  $[0,1]$

consider  $T: X \rightarrow X$  defined as  $Tf(x) := \int_0^x f(s) ds$

The operator (or mapping) is linear:  $T(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha Tf + \beta Tg$   
for  $\forall f, g \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We have  $|Tf(x) - Tg(x)| = \left| \int_0^x [f(s) - g(s)] ds \right| \leq \int_0^x |f(s) - g(s)| ds$

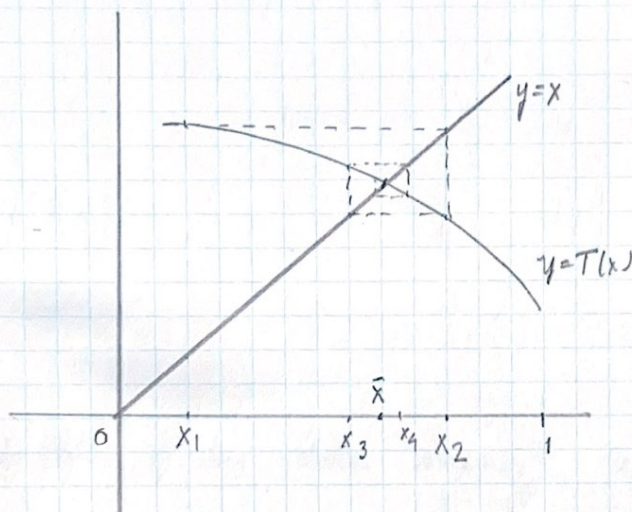
Hence  $\sup_{x \in [0,1]} |Tf(x) - Tg(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x) - g(x)|$

Example 2: In any Banach sp.  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ , we have  $|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\|$   
by the triangle inequality.



→ Banach Fixed Point Theorem : Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed subset of a Banach space  $X$  and let  $T: C \rightarrow X$  be a contraction. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $\bar{x} \in C$ .

→ Example 3



$$x_{m+1} = T(x_m)$$

$T: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is continuously diff'able with  $-1 < T'(x) < 0$  in  $[0,1]$



Coming back to our initial value p'bm:  $\begin{cases} x' = f(x(t)) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ , which  
(Cauchy P'bm)

can be written in the integral form:  $x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x(s)) ds$ .

The sol. curve  $x(t)$  is a fixed-pt of the mapping

$$\gamma \mapsto x_0 + \int_0^t f(\gamma(s)) ds \quad \text{wh. to}$$
$$:= T\gamma$$

To find a fixed-point of the above mapping, we consider the iterations

$$x_1(t) := Tx_0 = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x_0) ds$$

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Iterations

$$x_2(t) := Tx_1 = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x_1(s)) ds$$

$\vdots$

$$x_{m+1}(t) := Tx_m = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x_m(s)) ds$$

Defining everything appropriately, the map  $T$  will have a fixed point if it is a contraction map, by the Banach fixed point theorem.

We have

$$|Tx_1(t) - Tx_2(t)| = \left| \int_0^t (f(x_1(s)) - f(x_2(s))) ds \right|$$
$$\leq \int_0^t |f(x_1(s)) - f(x_2(s))| ds$$

Assuming  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies:  $\begin{cases} |f(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (Bounded)} \\ |f(x) - f(y)| \leq K|x-y| \text{ (Lipschitz)} \end{cases}$



Then,  $|T(\gamma_1(t)) - T(\gamma_2(t))| \leq K \int_0^t |\gamma_1(s) - \gamma_2(s)| ds$

$$\leq K \int_0^t \|\gamma_1 - \gamma_2\|_{\infty} ds \leq$$

$\|\gamma\|_{\infty}$

$:= \sup_{t_0 \leq s \leq t} \{\gamma(s)\}$

Fixing some  $\delta$ , we have then  $\forall t$  s.t.  $|t| \leq \delta$

$$|T(\gamma_1(t)) - T(\gamma_2(t))| \leq (K\delta) \|\gamma_1 - \gamma_2\|_{\infty} \text{ and hence}$$

$$\rightarrow \|T(\gamma_1(t)) - T(\gamma_2(t))\|_{\infty} \leq (K\delta) \|\gamma_1 - \gamma_2\|_{\infty}$$

Choosing  $\delta$  s.t.  $\underbrace{K\delta}_{:=\theta} < 1$  gives us that the mapping

$T: C([-\delta, \delta]) \rightarrow C([-\delta, \delta])$  is a contraction. Since  $C([-\delta, \delta])$  is a Banach sp. w.r.t  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$  norm, this implies that  $T$  has a unique fixed pt.  $\gamma \in C([-\delta, \delta])$ , which satisfies

$$T(\gamma) = \gamma \text{ that is } \gamma(t) = \gamma_0 + \int_0^t f(\gamma(s)) ds, \quad t \in [-\delta, \delta].$$

Differentiating this w.r.t gives us a unique sol. of the initial value p'bm  $\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(x(t)) \text{ for } -\delta \leq t \leq \delta \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$

We get existence and uniqueness for a initial value p'bm using the Banach fixed point theorem, provided  $f$  is a Lipschitz function.

Note that the interval of existence  $[-\delta, \delta]$  is determined by the Lipschitz const.  $K$  of  $f$ , by  $\delta < \frac{1}{K}$ .



## Tools from Functional Analysis

Let  $X$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . A norm on  $X$ , denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$  is a map  $\|\cdot\|: X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  satisfying the following:

a)  $\|a\| \geq 0 \quad \forall a \in X$  and  $\|a\| = 0$  iff  $a = 0$  (vector)

b)  $\|\lambda a\| = |\lambda| \|a\| \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \in X$ .

c)  $\|a+b\| \leq \|a\| + \|b\|$  for all  $a, b \in X$ . (Triangle inequality)

The vector sp.  $X$  with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is called normed linear space (NLS) or normed vector space, and is denoted by  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ .

→ A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  defines a metric on  $X$  given by  $d(a, b) := \|a - b\|$

Exercise 1: Show that i)  $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \|a_i\| \quad \forall a_i \in X, 1 \leq i \leq k$ .

ii)  $|\|a\| - \|b\|| \leq \|a - b\| \quad \forall a, b \in X$

Examples: 1.)  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with its usual Euclidean norm

$$\|a\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2} \quad \text{where } a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

2.) Consider the space of continuous fns. on  $[0, 1]$ , denoted by  $C([0, 1])$ .  
(real valued)

For  $f, g \in C([0, 1])$ ,  $f+g \in C([0, 1])$  is defined as

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x).$$

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f \in C([0, 1])$   $\lambda f \in C([0, 1])$  is defined as

$$(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda(f(x)).$$



We can consider the sup norm ( $L^\infty$  norm) on  $C([0,1])$  defined as  $\|f\| := \max \{ f(x) : x \in (0,1) \}$ .

Def:  $\rightarrow$  Consider a normed linear sp.  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ . We say a seq  $(a_m)_{m \geq 1}$  in  $X$  converges to  $a$  in  $X$ , if

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \|a_m - a\| = 0, \text{ and we write } \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} a_m = a.$$

$\rightarrow$  A map  $F: X \rightarrow Y$ , two normed linear spaces, is continuous if for every  $(a_m) \in X$  s.t.  $a_m \rightarrow a$  as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$  in  $X$ , we have  $F(a_m) \rightarrow F(a)$  as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$  in  $Y$ .

$\rightarrow$  A seq  $(a_m)_{m \geq 1}$  in  $X$  is a Cauchy Sequence if:  $\forall \epsilon > 0$   
 $\exists$  a positive integer  $N_\epsilon$  s.t.  $\|a_m - a_k\| < \epsilon \forall m, k \geq N_\epsilon$ , or  
 $\lim_{m, k \rightarrow +\infty} \|a_m - a_k\| = 0$ .

$\rightarrow$  A normed linear sp.  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is said to be complete: if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  has a limit in  $X$ . A complete normed linear sp. is called a Banach Space.

Examples 1.)  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with its Euclidean norm.  
2.)  $C([0,1])$  with the sup norm.

Exercise 2: A closed subspace  $C$  of a Banach sp.  $X$  is a Banach space (w.r.t norm of  $X$ ).

Banach spaces, which will often be infinite dimensional function spaces, are crucial to do analysis. One can even do calculus on Banach spaces.



→ Consider a continuous linear map (operator)  $T: X \rightarrow X$ .

The quantity:  $\sup_{u \in X} \frac{\|Tu\|}{\|u\|} = \sup \{ \|Tu\| : \|u\| \leq 1 \} := \|T\|$

is called the operator norm of  $T$ .

→ The space of all continuous linear functionals  $L: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Banach space w.r.t to the dual norm  $\|L\|_* := \sup \{ \|L(u)\| : u \in X \text{ with } \|u\| \leq 1 \}$ . This space is called the dual of  $X$  and is denoted by  $X^*$ .

→ Def: Let  $X$  be a Banach sp. with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . A map  $F: X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a contraction if  $\exists$  a const.  $0 < \theta < 1$  st  $\|F(x) - F(y)\| \leq \theta \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in X$ .

→ A point  $\xi \in X$  is a fixed-point of  $F: X \rightarrow X$  if  $F(\xi) = \xi$ .

→ Theorem (Contraction Mapping Fixed point theorem)

(Banach, Picard)

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed set of a Banach space  $X$  and let  $F: C \rightarrow C$  be a contraction. Then  $F$  has a unique fixed point  $\xi_0 \in C$  st

$$\|F^m(x) - \xi_0\| \leq \frac{\theta^m}{1-\theta} \|F(x) - x\| \quad \text{for any } x \in C,$$

where  $F^m(x) = F(F^{m-1}(x)) = \underbrace{(F \circ \dots \circ F)}_{m \text{ times}}(x)$



Proof: Uniqueness of Fixed-Point: Suppose  $F$  has two fixed point  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  in  $C$ , so  $\begin{cases} F(\xi_1) = \xi_1 \\ F(\xi_2) = \xi_2 \end{cases}$ . Then since  $F$  is a contraction

$$\|F(\xi_1) - F(\xi_2)\| \leq \theta \|\xi_1 - \xi_2\| \Rightarrow \|\xi_1 - \xi_2\| \leq \theta \|\xi_1 - \xi_2\|$$

$\Rightarrow \|\xi_1 - \xi_2\| = 0 \Rightarrow \xi_1 = \xi_2$ . Hence  $F$  can have at most one fixed point in  $C$  (since  $0 < \theta < 1$ )

### Existence of Fixed-Point

Take  $x \in C$  and consider the seq  $(x_m)$  in  $C$  defined by  $x_m := F^m(x)$  with  $x_1 := F(x)$ . That is  $x_{m+1} = F(x_m)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } \|x_{m+1} - x_m\| &= \|F(x_m) - F(x_{m-1})\| \leq \theta \|x_m - x_{m-1}\| \\ &\leq \theta^2 \|x_{m-1} - x_{m-2}\| \end{aligned}$$

Hence (using an induction argument)  $\|x_{m+1} - x_m\| \leq \theta^m \|x_1 - x\|$ .

Using the triangle inequality we get for  $k > m$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_k - x_m\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=m}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) \right\| \leq \sum_{i=m}^{k-1} \|x_{i+1} - x_i\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=m}^{k-1} \theta^i \|x_1 - x\| = \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=m}^{k-1} \theta^i \right)}_{\text{(Geometric series)}} \|F(x) - x\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore we get the estimate } \|x_k - x_m\| &\leq \theta^m \left( \frac{1 - \theta^{k-m}}{1 - \theta} \right) \|F(x) - x\| \\ &\leq \frac{\theta^m}{1 - \theta} \|F(x) - x\| \quad (\text{since } 0 < \theta < 1) \end{aligned}$$

Note  $\theta^m \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$ , since  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Therefore given any  $\epsilon > 0$   $\exists$  a positive integer  $N_\epsilon$  s.t  $\underbrace{\theta^m}_{>0} < \underbrace{(1-\theta)\epsilon}_{>0}$ , that is  $\frac{\theta^m}{1-\theta} < \epsilon$ ,  $\forall m \geq N_\epsilon$ .



So given any  $\epsilon > 0$   $\exists$  a positive integer  $N_\epsilon$  st  $\forall k, m \geq N_\epsilon$  we have

$$\|x_k - x_m\| < \epsilon \|F(x) - x\|.$$

This shows that the seq  $(x_m)$  is a Cauchy-sequence in  $C$  and hence in  $X$ .  $X$  is a Banach space and by the completeness property, every Cauchy-seq. converges in  $X$ . So the  $\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} x_m := \xi_0$  exists in  $X$ . As  $C \subset X$  is closed the

(limit) point  $\xi_0 \in C$ , and hence the Cauchy seq  $(x_m)$  converges in  $C$  (showing  $C$  is also complete) to  $\xi_0 \in C$ .

We have  $\|F(x_m) - x_m\| = \|x_{m+1} - x_m\| \leq \theta^m \|F(x) - x\|$

Passing to the limit as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$  we have

$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \|F(x_m) - x_m\| = 0$ . Also  $x_m \rightarrow \xi_0$  as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$  and by the

continuity of  $F$ ,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} F(x_m) = F(\xi_0)$ . Hence

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \|F(\xi_0) - \xi_0\| \leq \|F(\xi_0) - F(x_m)\| + \|F(x_m) - x_m\|$$

Passing to the limit gives  $\|F(\xi_0) - \xi_0\| = 0$  or  $F(\xi_0) = \xi_0$ .

Hence  $\xi_0$  is a fixed point.

Coming back to the estimate  $\|x_k - x_m\| \leq \frac{\theta^m}{1-\theta} \|F(x) - x\|$ , that is

$$\|x_k - F^m(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta^m}{1-\theta} \|F(x) - x\| \text{ and letting } k \rightarrow +\infty \text{ gives the}$$

$$\text{rate of convergence } \|\xi_0 - F^m(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta^m}{1-\theta} \|F(x) - x\|.$$



→ Optimality of the hypothesis in the Fixed Point theorem

- Consider  $T: [0,1] \rightarrow [1, 3/2]$  given by  $T(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{2}$   
 $T$  does not map the sp.  $X = [0,1]$  to itself.
- Consider  $T: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  given by  $T(x) = 2x + 1$ .  
 $T$  is not contracting
- Consider  $T: (0,1) \rightarrow (0,1)$  with  $T(x) = x/2$ .  
The space  $X = (0,1)$  is not complete.

→ Many p'blms in analysis can be reduced to finding fixed-points.

Consider  $F: X \rightarrow X$  and given  $y \in X$  we want to find  $x \in X$  s.t.  $F(x) = y$ . This can be reduced to finding fixed points of  $G: X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $G(x) := x - F(x) + y$ . For example, the proof the Inverse function theorem proceeds by this approach of finding a fixed point.



Theorem (Existence and Uniqueness result for ODEs)

(Picard-Lindelöf / Cauchy-Lipchitz)

Consider the initial value problem (IVP)  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ , where

$f: U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $U$ ,  $U$  is open and  $(t_0, x_0) \in U$ .

$\rightarrow$  If  $f = f(t, x)$  is locally Lipschitz in the  $x$ -variable uniformly w.r.t the  $t$  variable, that is, for every open set  $V \subset U$ ,  $\sup_{\substack{(t,x) \neq (t,y) \\ \text{in } V}} \frac{|f(t,x) - f(t,y)|}{|x - y|} := K < +\infty$ .  
depends on  $V$

Then there exists a unique (local) solution  $\phi: [t_0 - T_0, t_0 + T_0] \rightarrow U$  of the IVP for some  $T_0 > 0$ .

Proof: We write the IVP in the integral form:  $x(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds$ . Then

$\phi(t)$  solves the IVP iff  $\phi$  is a fixed point of the map  $F$  given by

$x(t) \xrightarrow{F} x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds$ . This fixed point will be obtained using the

Banach fixed point theorem.

$(t_0, x_0) \in U$  and  $U$  is open. Then  $\exists \delta > 0$  and  $r > 0$  s.t.  $[t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta] \times \overline{B(x_0, r)} \subset U$ , where  $B(x_0, r) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - x_0| < r\}$ ; denotes the ball of radius  $r$  centered at  $x_0$ .

Note that the set  $[t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta] \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}$  is compact (closed and bounded). We have

$$|F(x(t)) - x_0| \leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, x(s))| ds \leq |t - t_0| M, \text{ where } M := \max_{[t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta] \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}} |f(t, x)| < +\infty.$$

for  $|t - t_0| \leq \delta$  and  $|x(t) - x_0| \leq r$ . Let  $\tilde{T}_0 := \min\{\delta, \frac{r}{M}\}$ .

Then  $|F(x(t)) - x_0| \leq r$  for  $|t - t_0| < \tilde{T}_0$ .



Let  $\underline{T}_0 := \min \left\{ \frac{1}{K}, \frac{\delta}{M}, \delta \right\}$ , and we choose our  $X := C([t_0 - T_0, t_0 + T_0], \mathbb{R}^n)$  as our Banach sp, with the supremum norm  $\|x(t)\|_\infty = \max_{[t_0 - T_0, t_0 + T_0]} |x(t)|$ .

Let  $C := \{ \phi \in X : \|\phi - x_0\|_\infty \leq r \}$ , a closed subset of  $X$ .

Then by our choice of  $T_0$ , it follows that  $F: C \rightarrow C$ . We need to show that  $F$  is a contraction to apply the fixed point theorem. We have for  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in C$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } |F(\phi_1)(t) - F(\phi_2)(t)| &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, \phi_1(s)) - f(s, \phi_2(s))| ds \\ &\leq K \int_{t_0}^t |\phi_1(s) - \phi_2(s)| ds \\ &\quad (\text{since } f \text{ is locally Lipschitz in } x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } |F(\phi_1)(t) - F(\phi_2)(t)| \leq (K|t - t_0|) \max_{[t_0, t]} |\phi_1(s) - \phi_2(s)| < \frac{1}{K} K$$

Then for all  $|t - t_0| \leq T_0$ , we have  $|F(\phi_1)(t) - F(\phi_2)(t)| \leq \underbrace{KT_0}_{< 1} \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_\infty$

by our choice of  $T_0$ . That is

$$\|F(\phi_1) - F(\phi_2)\|_\infty \leq \underbrace{KT_0}_{< 1} \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_\infty \quad \forall \phi_1, \phi_2 \in C \subset C([t_0 - T_0, t_0 + T_0], \mathbb{R}^n).$$

This gives that the map  $F: C \rightarrow C$  is a contraction, and hence  $F$  has a unique fixed point  $\phi$ , a continuous map  $\phi: [t_0 - T, t_0 + T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.

$$\phi(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \phi(s)) ds \quad \forall |t - t_0| \leq T_0. \text{ Hence } \phi \text{ is diff'able}$$

and is the unique sol. of the IVP in an interval around  $t_0$ .

This completes the proof of the existence and uniqueness result.



Remarks 1)  $x_{m+1}(t) := x_0 + \int_0^t f(s, x_m(s)) ds$  are called the Picard iterations

In the existence and uniqueness result we show that the seq. of Picard iterations  $(x_m)$  converges to a fixed-point  $\phi$  in a closed subset of  $C([t_0 - T_0, t_0 + T_0], \mathbb{R}^n)$  containing  $x_0$ .

ii) If  $f \in C^1(U, \mathbb{R}^n)$  (continuously diff'able fn of  $(n+1)$  variables) then by the mean-value theorem it follows that  $f$  is locally-lipschitz in the  $x$ -variable uniformly w.r.t the  $t$  variable.

iii) Using the existence and uniqueness theorem we get the following result:

Proposition: Suppose  $f \in C^k(U; \mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $k$ -times continuously diff'ble) where  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is open and  $(t_0, x_0) \in U$ . Then there a unique (local) solution  $\phi: [t_0 - T_0, t_0 + T_0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  to the IVP 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$
 for some  $T_0 > 0$ . Moreover,  $\phi \in C^k([t_0 - T_0, t_0 + T_0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ .



## Dependence on the Initial Condition

We first show the following inequality.

Lemma (Gronwall's inequality). Suppose  $\psi(t)$  satisfies

$$\rightarrow \psi(t) \leq A + \int_0^t (B\psi(s) + C) ds, \text{ for } t \in [0, T],$$

for constants  $A, C \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $B > 0$

$$\rightarrow \psi(t) \leq Ae^{Bt} + \frac{C}{B}(e^{Bt} - 1) \text{ for } t \in [0, T].$$

Pf: One has  $\left( e^{-Bt} \int_0^t \psi(s) ds \right)' = \left( \psi(t) - B \int_0^t \psi(s) ds \right) e^{-Bt} \leq (A + Ct) e^{-Bt}$

Integrating  $\Rightarrow e^{-Bt} \int_0^t \psi(s) ds \leq \int_0^t (A + Cs) e^{-Bs} ds = \frac{C}{B} \int_0^t e^{-Bs} ds - \frac{1}{B} [(A + Ct) e^{-Bt} - A]$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-Bt} \left( A + \underbrace{\int_0^t (B\psi(s) + C) ds}_{\geq \psi(t)} \right) \leq A - \frac{C}{B} (e^{-Bt} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-Bt} \psi(t) \leq A + \frac{C}{B} (1 - e^{-Bt}), \text{ hence}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(t) \leq Ae^{Bt} + \frac{C}{B} (e^{Bt} - 1).$$



## Gronwall's Inequality.

$$\rightarrow \psi'(t) \leq \alpha(t)\psi(t) + \beta(t) \quad \text{in } [0, T]$$

$$\text{Then } \psi(t) \leq \exp\left(\int_0^t \alpha(s) ds\right) \left[ \psi(0) + \int_0^t \beta(s) \exp\left(-\int_0^s \alpha(r) dr\right) ds \right]$$

In particular if  $\psi'(t) \leq \alpha(t)\psi(t)$  and  $\psi(0) = 0$   
then  $\psi \equiv 0$  in  $[0, T]$ .

Proof.  $\left( \psi(t) \exp\left(-\int_0^t \alpha(s) ds\right) \right)' \leq \beta(t) \exp\left(-\int_0^t \alpha(s) ds\right)$

Integrating we get

$$\psi(t) \exp\left(-\int_0^t \alpha(s) ds\right) - \psi(0) \leq \int_0^t \beta(s) \exp\left(-\int_0^s \alpha(r) dr\right) ds$$

$$\text{So, } \psi(t) \leq \exp\left(\int_0^t \alpha(s) ds\right) \left[ \psi(0) + \int_0^t \beta(s) \exp\left(-\int_0^s \alpha(r) dr\right) ds \right]$$



→ The initial value problem is well-posed, that is, small changes in the data will result in small changes of the solution.

Theorem. Suppose  $f, g \in C(U, \mathbb{R}^n)$  (continuous fn. from an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ );  $f = f(t, x)$ ,  $g = g(t, x)$  are moreover locally Lipschitz in the  $x$  variable uniformly w.r.t to the  $t$  variable.

Assume  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  solve respectively the IVPs

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = g(t, y) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

Then,  $|x(t) - y(t)| \leq |x_0 - y_0| e^{K|t-t_0|} + \frac{M}{K} (e^{K|t-t_0|} - 1)$ ,

where  $K := \sup_{\substack{(t,x) \neq (t,y) \\ \in V}} |f(t,x) - f(t,y)| / |x - y|$ ,  $M := \sup_{(t,x) \in V} |f(t,x) - g(t,y)|$ ,

with  $(x(t), y(t)) \in V \subset U$ .

Proof: We have  $x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(s, x(s)) ds$  and  $y(t) = y_0 + \int_0^t g(s, y(s)) ds$

Then,  $|x(t) - y(t)| = |x_0 - y_0 + \int_0^t (f(s, x(s)) - g(s, y(s))) ds|$ ,

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq |x_0 - y_0| + \int_0^t |f(s, x(s)) - g(s, y(s))| ds,$$

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq |x_0 - y_0| + \int_0^t [ |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))| + |f(s, y(s)) - g(s, y(s))| ] ds,$$

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq |x_0 - y_0| + \int_0^t (K|x(s) - y(s)| + M) ds$$



Then using the Gronwall's inequality gives

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq |x_0 - y_0| e^{K|t-t_0|} + \frac{M}{K} (e^{K|t-t_0|} - 1).$$

We denote the solution of the initial value problem: 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$
 as

$\phi(t, t_0, x_0)$  to emphasize the dependence on the initial condition  $x(t_0) = x_0$ .

By our previous result, we have in the case  $f = g$ .

$$|\phi(t, t_0, x_0) - \phi(t, t_0, y_0)| \leq |x_0 - y_0| e^{K|t-t_0|}.$$

Note, we have equality in the above inequality for the linear eqn:  $\dot{x} = x$ , showing the b'dd is optimal.

Theorem (continuous dependence on data) Suppose  $f: U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is continuous,  $f = f(t, x)$  is locally Lipschitz in the  $x$ -variable, uniformly w.r.t to the  $t$  variable. Given any  $(t_0, x_0) \in U$  (open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), there exists  $T_0 > 0$  and  $r_0 > 0$  s.t  $[t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times B(x_0, r_0/2) \subset U$ , and  $\Phi(t, s, y) \in C([t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times [t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times B(x_0, r_0/2); \mathbb{R}^n)$  (that is the sol. of the IVP with  $x(s) = y$  is continuous). Moreover the fn.  $\Phi(t, t_0, x_0)$  is Lipschitz continuous, and we have the estimate:

$$|\Phi(t, t_0, x_0) - \Phi(s, t_0, y_0)| \leq M|t-s| + |x_0 - y_0| e^{K|t-t_0|} + M|x_0 - t_0| e^{K|t-t_0|},$$

where  $M := \max_{[t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times B(x_0, r)} |f(t, x)|$  and  $K := \sup_{\substack{(t, x) \neq (t, y) \\ \text{in } [t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times B(x_0, r)}} \frac{|f(t, x) - f(t, y)|}{|x - y|}$ ,

for  $|t - t_0| \leq T_0/2$  and  $(s, x_0, y_0) \in [t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times [t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times B(x_0, r_0/2)$ .



In the proof of the existence and uniqueness theorem, we have shown that a unique sol.  $\phi(t, t_0, x_0)$  of the IVP:  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$  exists for  $|t - t_0| \leq T_0$ .

for some  $T_0 > 0$ ,  $\phi(t, t_0, x_0) \in \overline{B(x_0, r_0)}$  for some  $r_0 > 0$ . Similarly for any  $x_1 \in B(x_0, r_0/2)$ , the IVP:  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_1) = x_1 \end{cases}$  has a unique sol.

$$\phi(t, t_0, x_1) \in \overline{B(x_1, r_0/2)}.$$

Then for  $\phi(t, t_0, x_0)$  and  $\phi(s, s_0, y_0)$ , with  $|t - t_0| \leq T_0/2$ , and  $(s, s_0, y_0) \in [t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times [t_0 - T_0/2, t_0 + T_0/2] \times B(x_0, r_0/2)$ , we have:

$$|\phi(t, t_0, x_0) - \phi(s, s_0, y_0)| \leq |\phi(t, t_0, x_0) - \phi(t, t_0, y_0)| + |\phi(t, t_0, y_0) - \phi(t, s_0, y_0)| + |\phi(t, s_0, y_0) - \phi(s, s_0, y_0)|.$$

We estimate each of the terms separately

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } |\phi(t, s_0, y_0) - \phi(s, s_0, y_0)| &\leq \left| \int_{s_0}^t f(r, \phi(r, s_0, y_0)) dr - \int_{s_0}^s f(r, \phi(r, s_0, y_0)) dr \right| \\ &\quad \text{(3rd-term)} \\ &\leq \left| \int_s^t f(r, \phi(r, s_0, y_0)) dr \right| \leq \int_s^t |f(r, \phi(r, s_0, y_0))| dr \\ &\leq M |t - s| \quad \text{where } M := \max_{[t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta] \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}} |f(t, x)| \end{aligned}$$

For the 1st term we use the estimate from our previous theorem (in case  $f = g$ )

Then we have  $|\phi(t, t_0, x_0) - \phi(t, t_0, y_0)| \leq |x_0 - y_0| e^{K|t - t_0|}$ , where

$$K := \sup_{\substack{(t, x) \neq (t, y) \\ \text{in } [t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta] \times \overline{B(x_0, r)}}} \frac{|f(t, x) - f(t, y)|}{|x - y|}.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have } |\phi(t, t_0, y_0) - \phi(t, s_0, y_0)| &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t f(r, \phi(r, t_0, y_0)) dr - \int_{s_0}^t f(r, \phi(r, s_0, y_0)) dr \right| \\
 &\quad \text{(2nd term)} \\
 &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^{s_0} f(r, \Phi(r, t_0, y_0)) dr \right| + \left| \int_{s_0}^t [f(r, \phi(r, t_0, y_0)) - f(r, \phi(r, s_0, y_0))] dr \right| \\
 &\leq \int_{t_0}^{s_0} |f(r, \Phi(r, t_0, y_0))| dr + \int_{s_0}^t |f(r, \phi(r, t_0, y_0)) - f(r, \phi(r, s_0, y_0))| dr \\
 &\leq M|s_0 - t_0| + K \int_{s_0}^t |\phi(r, t_0, y_0) - \phi(r, s_0, y_0)| dr
 \end{aligned}$$

Then using the Gronwall's inequality, we obtain

$$|\phi(t, t_0, y_0) - \phi(t, s_0, y_0)| \leq M|s_0 - t_0| e^{K|t - s_0|}.$$

Combining the three estimate, we obtain

$$|\Phi(t, t_0, x_0) - \Phi(t, s_0, y_0)| \leq M|t - s_0| + |x_0 - y_0| e^{K|t - t_0|} + M|s_0 - t_0| e^{K|t - s_0|}.$$

This shows the continuity of the sol.  $\Phi(t, t_0, x_0)$  with respect to the initial data  $(s, y)$ ,  $\phi(s) = y$  and the variable  $t$ .



## Interval of Existence and Extensibility of Solutions

Consider the initial value problem: 
$$(IVP) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

where  $f: U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is locally Lipschitz in the  $x$ -variable uniformly w.r.t the  $t$  variable. Then the IVP has a unique solution for some interval  $|t - t_0| \leq T_0$ .

Theorem (Maximal interval of existence and maximal solution.) The above IVP has a unique (maximal) solution defined on some maximal interval  $(T_-, T_+)$  containing  $t_0$ .

Let  $S$  be the set of solutions of the IVP  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$  defined on an open interval.

$S := \{ \phi : I_\phi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ solves the IVP : } I_\phi \text{ is an interval containing } t_0. \}$

Let  $I_{\max} := \bigcup_{\phi \in S} I_\phi$ . Then  $I_{\max}$  being an union of open intervals is

open. If  $t_1 > t_0 \in I_{\max}$ , then  $t_1 \in I_\phi$  for some solution  $\phi$ , and thus  $[t_0, t_1) \subseteq I_\phi \subseteq I_{\max}$ , as  $I_\phi$  is an interval. Similarly, if  $t_2 < t_0 \in I_{\max}$ , then  $(t_2, t_0] \subseteq I_\phi \subseteq I_{\max}$ . Therefore,

$I_{\max} = (T_-, T_+)$ , for some  $T_+ \in (t_0, +\infty]$  and  $T_- \in [-\infty, t_0)$

We define the maximal solution  $\Phi_{\max} : I_{\max} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\Phi_{\max}(t) = \phi(t)$  for any  $\phi \in S$  and  $t \in I_\phi$ .

Claim:  $\Phi_{\max}$  is well-defined: If  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in S$  then  $\Phi_1(t) = \Phi_2(t) \forall t \in I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2}$ .



Proof of the claim: Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in S$  and let  $I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2} = (T_-, T_+)$ .

Let  $t_+ := \inf \{ t \in I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2} \cap (t_0, +\infty) : \Phi_1(t) \neq \Phi_2(t) \}$

We have  $t_0 < t_+$  and by continuity  $\Phi_1(t_+) = \Phi_2(t_+) := \xi_+$  and we have  $\xi_+ \in U$ . Consider the initial value p'blm starting at  $t_+$  with initial value  $\xi_+$ : 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_+) = \xi_+ \end{cases} \quad \left( \text{By the (local) uniqueness of ODE} \right)$$

solutions,  $\exists$  a  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $\Phi(t) = \Phi(t) \forall t \in [t_+, t_+ + \delta]$ . This contradicts the definition of  $t_+$ . Hence  $t_+ = T_+$ . Similarly let  $t_- := \sup \{ t \in I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2} \cap (-\infty, t_0) : \Phi_1(t) \neq \Phi_2(t) \}$ , and we obtain that  $t_- = T_-$ . ) OR

We have  $t_+ \in I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2}$  an interval and so  $[t_+, t_+ + \delta] \in I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2}$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . Then using the ODE

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\phi_1(t) - \phi_2(t)|^2 &= 2 \langle \phi_1(t) - \phi_2(t), \phi_1'(t) - \phi_2'(t) \rangle \\ &= 2 \langle \phi_1(t) - \phi_2(t), f(t, \phi_1(t)) - f(t, \phi_2(t)) \rangle \\ &\leq 2K |\phi_1(t) - \phi_2(t)|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K := \sup_{[0, t_+ + \delta] \times B(\xi_+, r)} \frac{|f(t, x) - f(t, y)|}{|x - y|} < +\infty$ .

Consequently, the fn.  $t \mapsto e^{-2Kt} |\phi_1(t) - \phi_2(t)|^2$  is monotone decreasing on the interval  $[t_+, t_+ + \delta]$ . So,

$$e^{-2Kt} |\Phi_1(t) - \Phi_2(t)| \leq 0 \forall t \in [t_+, t_+ + \delta], \text{ hence } \Phi_1(t) = \Phi_2(t) \forall t \in [t_+, t_+ + \delta].$$

This contradicts the definition of  $t_+$ . Hence  $t_+ = T_+$ . Similarly



$t_- = T_-$ , where  $t_- := \sup\{t \in I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2} \cap (-\infty, t_0) : \phi_1(t) \neq \phi_2(t)\}$ .

Hence  $\phi_1(t) = \phi_2(t) \forall t \in I_{\phi_1} \cap I_{\phi_2} = (T_-, T_+)$ .

This proves the claim.

Note: (Gluing/Patching solutions)

Consider  $\begin{cases} \phi_i' = f(t, \phi_i) & \text{for } t \in I_i \text{ (an interval), } i=1,2 \end{cases}$

Then  $\phi(t) := \begin{cases} \phi_1(t) & \text{for } t \in I_1 \\ \phi_2(t) & \text{for } t \in I_2 \end{cases}$  is (well) defined in  $I = I_1 \cup I_2$ .



Lemma: Let  $\phi(t)$  be a solution of IVP  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$  defined  
 ( $f: U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is locally Lipschitz.)

on  $(t_-, t_+)$ . There exists an extension of  $\Phi$  to the interval  
 $(t_-, t_+ + \epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  iff there exists a sequence  
 $(t_m)_m$ ,  $t_m \in (t_-, t_+)$  s.t.  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_+$  and  $(t_+, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t_m)) \in U$ .

Similarly,  $\exists$  an extension of  $\Phi$  to the interval  $(t_-, t_+ - \epsilon)$  for  
 some  $\epsilon > 0$  iff  $\exists$  a seq.  $(t_m)_m$ ,  $t_m \in (t_-, t_+)$  s.t.  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_-$   
 and  $(t_-, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t_m)) \in U$ .

Proof: If there is an extension of  $\Phi$  to  $(t_-, t_+ + \epsilon)$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$   
 then by continuity, for every seq.  $(t_m)_m$  in  $(t_-, t_+)$  s.t.  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_+$   
 we have  $(t_+, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t_m)) \in U$ .

Now suppose there is a seq.  $t_- < t_m < t_+$  s.t.  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_+$   
 and  $(t_+, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t_m)) \in U$ . Then we claim that

Claim:  $\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_+, \\ t < t_+}} \phi(t) = \xi$  exists with  $(t_+, \xi) \in U$ .

Assuming the claim holds, consider the initial value p'bm:

$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(t, x) \\ x(t_+) = \xi \end{cases}$ . By the existence and uniqueness theorem, this IVP  
 has an unique sol  $\psi$  defined on an interval  
 $(t_+ - \epsilon, t_+ + \epsilon)$  around  $t_+$ . We can glue the sols.

$\phi$  and  $\psi$  at  $t_+$  to obtain an unique sol  $\Phi_\epsilon$  on the interval  
 $(t_-, t_+ + \epsilon)$ .  

$$\Phi_\epsilon(t) := \begin{cases} \phi(t) & \text{for } t \in (t_-, t_+) \\ \psi(t) & \text{for } t \in (t_+ - \epsilon, t_+ + \epsilon) \text{ (or } [t_+ + \epsilon]) \end{cases}$$



$\Phi \in C^1$  by construction and uniquely solves the original IVP on  $(t_-, t_+ + \epsilon)$ , and hence extends the sol.  $\Phi$  to a larger interval.

Proof of the Claim: Since  $U$  is open, we have  $[t_+ - \delta, t_+] \times \overline{B(\xi, \delta)} \subset U$ , for some  $\delta > 0$ . Suppose on the contrary  $\exists$  a seq.  $t_m \in (t_-, t_+)$  with  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_+$  s.t.  $|\Phi(t_m) - \xi| \geq \theta > 1$ , for

some  $\theta > 0$ . We can choose  $t_m \in [t_+ - \delta, t_+]$ , by using the continuity of  $\Phi$  along with  $\Phi(t_m) \rightarrow \xi$ , it is s.t.  $|\Phi(t_m) - \xi| = \delta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \delta = |\Phi(t_m) - \xi| &\leq |\Phi(t_m) - \Phi(t_m)| + |\Phi(t_m) - \xi| \\ &\leq \int_{t_m}^{t_m} |f(s, \Phi(s))| ds + |\Phi(t_m) - \xi| \\ &\leq M |t_m - t_m| + |\Phi(t_m) - \xi| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where, } M = \sup_{[t_+ - \delta, t_+] \times \overline{B(\xi, \delta)}} |f(t, x)| (< +\infty)$$

$$\text{So, } \delta \leq M |t_m - t_m| + |\Phi(t_m) - \xi| \leq M |t_m - t_+| + M |t_m - t_+| + |\Phi(t_m) - \xi|$$

but each of the three terms tends to 0 as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

This gives us a contradiction and therefore for every sequence with  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_+$  we must have  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t_m) = \xi$  exists

with  $(t_+, \xi) \in U$ . This proves the claim.



→ Some consequences of the extension lemma.

Corollary: Consider the IVP 
$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $\phi$  solves the above IVP on  $[t_0, t_+)$  and there exists a compact set  $C$  (possibly depending on  $t_+$ ) s.t.  $\phi(t_m) \in C$  for some sequence  $t_m \in (t_0, t_+)$  with  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_+$ . Then there exists a unique extension of the sol  $\Phi$  to  $[t_0, t_+ + \epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Here  $[t_0, t_+] \times C \subset U$ .

Proof: The seq  $(\phi(t_m))_m$  of points in the compact  $C$  has a subsequence converging to a limit  $\xi \in C$ , that is, there exists a (sub) seq.  $t_m \in (t_0, t_+)$  s.t.  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (t_m, \phi(t_m)) = (t_+, \xi) \in C \subset U$ .

Then we can apply the extension lemma to conclude that there is an unique extension of the sol.  $\Phi$  to  $[t_0, t_+ + \epsilon)$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Corollary: If for every  $\tilde{T} > t_0$ , there is a compact set  $C$  (possibly depending on  $\tilde{T}$ ) s.t.  $\phi(t_m) \in C$  for some seq.  $t_m \in (t_0, \tilde{T})$  with  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} t_m = t_+$ , then the sol.  $\phi$  can be extended to  $[t_0, +\infty)$ .

Note: Similar conclusions for the left end-point  $t_+$ .

Corollary: Let  $(T_-, T_+)$  be the maximal interval of existence for the sol of the IVP 
$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

If  $T_+ < +\infty$ , then the sol is not contained in any compact set  $C$  with  $[t_0, t_+] \times C \subset U$ .



Corollary: Consider  $\begin{cases} X'(t) = f(t, X(t)) \\ X(0) = X_0 \end{cases}$  where  $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is locally Lipschitz.

Suppose  $(T_-, T_+)$  is the maximal interval of existence of the sol. of the above IVP. If  $T_+ < +\infty$ , or  $T_- > -\infty$ , then

$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow T_+ \\ t < T_+}} |X(t)| = +\infty$ , or  $\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow T_- \\ t > T_-}} |X(t)| = +\infty$  respectively.

That is the sol.  $X(t)$  blows-up as  $t \xrightarrow{\nearrow} T_+ < +\infty$ , or  $t \xrightarrow{\searrow} T_- > -\infty$ . (becomes infinity)

Proof: If  $\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow T_+ \\ t < T_+}} |X(t)| < +\infty$ , then  $X(t)$  is contained in

some closed ball of radius  $R$ ,  $\overline{B(0, R)}$ , that is  $X(t) \in \overline{B(0, R)}$   
( $|X(t)| \leq R$ )

for some  $R$ ,  $\forall t \in [t_0, T_+]$ .  $\overline{B(0, R)}$  is compact,

being closed and bounded, hence by our previous corollaries it is possible to extend the sol.  $X(t)$  to a larger interval  $[t_0, T_+ + \epsilon)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ .

But this contradicts the definition of  $T_+$ , showing that this is not possible, and hence  $\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow T_+ \\ t < T_+}} |X(t)| = +\infty$ .

Similarly, we must have blow up as  $t \xrightarrow{\searrow} T_-$ .

→ A solution to a initial value problem defined for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , that is  $-\infty < t < +\infty$ , is called a Global Solution.



### Theorem (Existence of Global solution)

Consider the initial value problem (IVP)  $\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ , where  $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

is a locally Lipschitz function st:  $|f(t, x)| \leq M_T + K_T |x|$   
 $\forall (t, x) \text{ in } [-T, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$M_T$  and  $K_T$  depends only on  $T$ . Then any sol. of the above IVP is a global sol, that is any sol of the above IVP is defined for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof: We have  $x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(s, x(s)) ds$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } |x(t)| &\leq |x_0| + \int_0^t |f(s, x(s))| ds \\ &\leq |x_0| + \int_0^t (M_T + K_T |x(s)|) ds, \text{ by using the growth condition on } f. \\ &\quad \forall t \in [0, T] \end{aligned}$$

Then using Gronwall's inequality, we obtain

$$|x(t)| \leq |x_0| e^{K_T t} + \frac{M_T}{K_T} (e^{K_T t} - 1)$$

Hence for any  $T$ ,  $|x(t)|$  is contained in some compact set, the closed ball  $B(0, R_T)$  of radius  $R_T := |x_0| e^{K_T T} + \frac{M_T}{K_T} (e^{K_T T} - 1)$  (say). Therefore by our

previous corollaries we can extend the sol.  $x(t)$  to be defined for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .