

Osgood and Nagumo Theorem

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Theorem 1 (Osgood Uniqueness theorem) Let $f(x, y)$ be a continuous function on $\bar{S} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x - x_0| \leq a, \text{ and } |y - y_0| \leq b\}$. If $\forall (x, y_1), (x, y_2) \in \bar{S}$ such that

$$|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq w(|y_1(x) - y_2(x)|) \quad (1)$$

where $w(z)$ is the same as the Lemma (??). The IVP $y'(x), y(x_0) = y_0$ has at most one solution in \bar{S}

First proof lemma (??) then arises two condition according as $x \in [x_0 - a, x_0 + a]$

Case (i) Let $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ be two solution of the given IVP

$$y'(x), y(x_0) = y_0, \quad \text{in } x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + a \quad (2)$$

We have

$$y_1(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y_1(t)) dt$$

and

$$y_2(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y_2(t)) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |y_1(x) - y_2(x)| &= \left| \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y_1(t)) dt - \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y_2(t)) dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_{x_0}^x |f(t, y_1(t)) - f(t, y_2(t))| dt \\ &\leq \int_{x_0}^x w(|y_1(t) - y_2(t)|) dt \end{aligned}$$

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Now, let $u(x) = |y_1(x) - y_2(x)|$ then $u(x)$ satisfies the condition in the lemma (??).

$$u(x) = 0 \quad \forall \quad x \in [x_0, x_0 + a]$$

Case (ii) Again to prove the theorem (1) $\forall \quad x \in [x_0 - a, x_0]$.

we need to prove that

$$u(x) = |y_1(x_0 - x) - y_2(x_0 - x)| \quad (3)$$

Let $u(x)$ be a non-negative continuous function in $|x - x_0| \leq a$ such that $u(x_0) = 0$ $u'(x_0) = 0$ ($u(x)$ is differentiable), then the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &\leq \left| \int_{x_0}^x \frac{u(t)}{t - x_0} dt \right| \\ \implies u(x) &= 0 \quad \forall \quad x \in [x_0 - a, x_0 + a] \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$v(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{u(t)}{t - x_0} dt \quad (4)$$

then from statement

$$u(x) \leq v(x)$$

and the integral given by equation (4) exists.

Differentiating w.r.t. x of equation (4) under Leibnitz's rule,

hence

$$\begin{aligned} v'(x) &= \frac{u(x)}{x - x_0} \\ \implies v'(x) &= \frac{u(x)}{x - x_0} \leq \frac{v(x)}{x - x_0} \\ \implies v'(x) &\leq \frac{v(x)}{x - x_0} \\ \implies \frac{v'(x)}{x - x_0} - \frac{v(x)}{(x - x_0)^2} &\leq 0 \\ \implies \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{v'(x)}{x - x_0} \right) &\leq 0 \\ \text{Since } x \geq x_0 &\implies v(x) \leq v(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

$\implies v(x)$ is monotonic decreasing at x_0

$$v(x) \leq 0 \quad (5)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{u(x)}{x - x_0} &= u'(x_0) \\
\text{Since } u(x) &\geq 0 \\
v'(x) &= \frac{u(x)}{x - x_0} \geq 0 \\
v(x) &\geq 0
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

From equations (5) and (6)

$$\therefore v(x) = 0 \tag{7}$$

From equations (4) and (7)

$$\int_{x_0}^x \frac{u(t)}{t - x_0} dt \implies u(x) = 0 \quad \forall \quad x \in [x_0 - a, x_0 + a]$$

Hence **proved**

Theorem 2 (Nagumo uniqueness theorem) Let $f(x, y)$ be a continuous function on $\bar{S} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x - x_0| \leq a, \text{ and } |y - y_0| \leq b \text{ and } \forall (x, y_1), (x, y_2) \in \bar{S}\}$ such that

$$|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq K |x - x_0|^{-1} |y_1(x) - y_2(x)| \tag{8}$$

where $K \leq 1$, $x \neq x_0$. Then the IVP $y'(x) = f(x, y)$, $y(x_0) = y_0$ has at most one solution in \bar{S}

Let $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ be two solution of the given IVP

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Since } |y_1(x) - y_2(x)| &= \left| \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y_1(t)) dt - \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y_2(t)) dt \right| \\
&\leq \int_{x_0}^x |f(t, y_1(t)) - f(t, y_2(t))| dt \\
&\leq K \left| \int_{x_0}^x \frac{|y_1(t) - y_2(t)|}{t - x_0} dt \right| \\
\implies |y_1(x) - y_2(x)| &\leq K \left| \int_{x_0}^x \frac{y_1(t) - y_2(t)}{t - x_0} dt \right| \\
\therefore |y_1(x) - y_2(x)| &\leq \left| \int_{x_0}^x \frac{y_1(t) - y_2(t)}{t - x_0} dt \right|
\end{aligned}$$

If we have $u(x) = |y_1(x) - y_2(x)|$ then we have

$$u(x_0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u'(x_0) = 0$$

$$u(x) \leq \left| \int_{x_0}^x \frac{u(t)}{t - x_0} \right|$$

is also satisfied

$$u(x) = 0 \quad \forall \quad |x - x_0|$$

we set $u(x) = |y_1(x) - y_2(x)|$

$\implies u(x)$ is non-negative and continuous $\forall \quad |x - x_0|$ and $u(x_0) = 0$ i.e., $y_1(x_0) = y_2(x_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} u'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x_0 + h) - u(x_0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|y_1(x_0 + h) - y_2(x_0 + h)| - |y_1(x_0) - y_2(x_0)|}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|y_1(x_0) + hy'_1(x_0 + \theta h) - y_2(x_0) - hy'_2(x_0 + \theta h)|}{h} \\ &\quad \text{(by Taylor's expansion)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h| |y'_1(x_0 + \theta h) - y'_2(x_0 + \theta h)|}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |y'_1(x_0 + \theta h) - y'_2(x_0 + \theta h)| \end{aligned}$$

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$$u'(x) = 0$$

so all the three conditions of lemma are satisfied, then $u(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \text{ in } |x - x_0| \leq a$

$$\implies |y_1(x) - y_2(x)| = 0 \quad \forall \quad |x - x_0| \leq a$$

Hence **proved**

.....All the best.....