

Ordinary Differential Equations
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Module - 4
Lecture - 19
Picard's Existence Continued

In the previous lecture, we were trying to prove the Picard's existence and uniqueness theorem.

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Theorem (Picard's Theorem)

Let D be a domain in \mathbb{R}^2 and $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real function satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) f is continuous on D
- (ii) $f(x,y)$ is Lipschitz continuous wrt y on D with Lipschitz constant $\alpha > 0$.

Let (x_0, y_0) be an interior point on D and let $a > 0, b > 0$ be constants such that the rectangle $R = \{(x,y) : |x-x_0| \leq a, |y-y_0| \leq b\} \subset D$

Let $M = \max_{(x,y) \in R} f(x,y)$

$h = \min(a, \frac{b}{M})$

The proof was divided into 4 parts and we proved part a and part b. So, let me just recall the Picard's existence and uniqueness theorem. Let d be a domain in \mathbb{R}^2 , and f is a function from d to \mathbb{R} ; a real valued function, satisfying the following conditions; f is continuous on d and $f \times y$ is lipschitz continuous with respect to y with a lipschitz constant α , greater than 0, and x_0, y_0 , the initial point of the initial value problem, that is assumed to be an interior point on d and we take two constants a greater than 0 b greater than 0, such that the rectangle defined by this, is fully inside the domain d and we use a notation m is a maximum value of f in the rectangle, which is attained, because of it is continuous and h is the minimum of a and b/y .

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Then the IVP has a unique solution y on the interval $|x - x_0| \leq h$.

Proof: Since R is a closed rectangle in D , f satisfies all properties inside R .

If $a < \frac{b}{M}$ then $h = a \Rightarrow R_1 = R$ $h = \min(a, \frac{b}{M})$

If $\frac{b}{M} < a$ then $h = \frac{b}{M} \Rightarrow R_1 \subset R$

$R = \{(x, y) : |x - x_0| \leq a, |y - y_0| \leq b\}$

$R_1 = \{(x, y) : |x - x_0| \leq h, |y - y_0| \leq b\}$

Then, the Picard's theorem is that the initial value problem has a unique solution in the interval $x - x_0 \leq h$. The main idea in the Picard's theorem is we defined what is known as Picard's iterative scheme; the iterants.

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We divide the proof into 4 parts.

(A): The function $\{\phi_n\}$ defined by (1) is a well-defined,

- b) ϕ_n 's have continuous derivatives
- c) $|\phi_n(x) - y_0| \leq b$ on $[x_0, x_0 + h]$
- d) $f(x, \phi_n(x))$ is well-defined.

(B): The functions $\{\phi_n\}$ satisfy the following inequality

$$|\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)| \leq \frac{M}{\alpha} \frac{(\alpha h)^n}{n!}, \quad x \in [x_0, x_0 + h]$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\{\phi_n\}$ converges uniformly to ϕ on $[x_0, x_0 + h]$.

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We prove the theorem by successive approximation of the Picard's iterants $\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \phi_3(x), \dots$ on $|x - x_0| \leq h$ and are defined by

$$\phi_1(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y_0) dt$$

$$\phi_2(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, \phi_1(t)) dt$$

$$\dots$$

$$\phi_n(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, \phi_{n-1}(t)) dt \quad \dots (1)$$

We prove the existence of solution to the IVP on $[x_0, x_0+h]$. Similar arguments hold for $[x_0-h, x_0]$. Uniqueness of soln follows from Uniqueness Theorem.

We defined the Picard's iterants by ϕ_n is equal to y_0 plus integral x_0 to x , f of t , $\phi_{n-1}(t)$, dt , and varies from 1 to n ; n is 1, 2, 3, etcetera. So, we get a sequence of functions. The main idea of the proof is we prove that this sequence of functions, converges uniformly, to a function ϕ in the interval x_0 plus h and then, we show that that limit function is a solution to the initial value problem, and by uniqueness theorem, which we have already proved where, we use Lipschitz condition; the solution is unique; the limit function is a solution and the solution is unique. So, we divided the proof into four parts. The first part is we have shown that ϕ_n , defined by the iterative scheme is well defined, and ϕ_n is a sequence of functions, having continuous derivatives and $\phi_n(x)$ for every n is inside the rectangle R . In part b, we found that the sequence of function ϕ_n that satisfies an estimate; $|\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)|$; the absolute value of it is less than or equal to M by α , into αh to the power of n by n factorial, for n going from 1, 2, 3, etcetera.

This happens on the interval x_0 to $x_0 + h$. Now today, we will prove part c and part d. So, part c; what we want to prove is as n goes to infinity, we will prove that the sequence of function ϕ_n that converges uniformly, to a function ϕ on the interval x_0 to $x_0 + h$, and part d, we will show that the limit function ϕ , which is limit of the sequence of function ϕ_n ; that is nothing but the solution of the given initial value problem on the interval x_0 to $x_0 + h$. So, let us start with the proof of c.

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Proof (Part C). $\{\phi_n\}$ converges uniformly to ϕ on $[x_0, x_0+h]$

From (part B), we got the inequality $|\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)| \leq \frac{M}{\alpha} \frac{(\alpha h)^n}{n!}$

The series of positive constants on the RHS

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{M}{\alpha} \frac{(\alpha h)^n}{n!} = \frac{M}{\alpha} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha h}{1!} + \frac{(\alpha h)^2}{2!} + \dots \right)$$

converges to $\frac{M}{\alpha} (e^{\alpha h} - 1)$

So, proof part c; you may want to prove that ϕ_n converges; the sequence ϕ_n converges uniformly, to some function ϕ on the interval $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. Note that from part b, we got an estimate for ϕ_n ; from part b, we got the inequality. So, part b, we got the inequality; $|\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)|$; the absolute value of this is less than or equal to $M/\alpha \times (\alpha h)^n / n!$. Now, we consider the series of positive constants. So, the right hand side, if you look at the right hand side and make a series of positive constants by using the right hand side, the series of positive constants on the RHS; that is this series $M/\alpha \times (\alpha h)^n / n!$. As n goes from 1 to infinity, which is $M/\alpha \times (\alpha h) / 1!$ plus $M/\alpha \times (\alpha h)^2 / 2!$ plus, etcetera. This converges to $M/\alpha \times e^{\alpha h} - 1$. See, in this series, if you add 1 and if you subtract that 1, this summation is $e^{\alpha h}$ and subtract 1; you get $M/\alpha \times (e^{\alpha h} - 1)$. So, this converges; the right hand side to $M/\alpha \times (e^{\alpha h} - 1)$ as the series that converges to this quantity. Now, we will consider the infinite series.

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Consider the infinite series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)|$$

$$|\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)| \leq \frac{M}{\alpha} \frac{(\alpha h)^n}{n!}$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{M}{\alpha} \frac{(\alpha h)^n}{n!}$ converges by Weierstrass M-test

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)| \text{ converges on } [x_0, x_0+h]$$

Consider the sequence of partial sum of the above series

$$S_n(x) = y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n |\phi_i(x) - \phi_{i-1}(x)| = \phi_n(x)$$

So, consider the infinite series; summation n goes to 1 to infinity $\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)$. So, this series, we are discussing the convergence of this series. What is the limit of this series? Each term of the series, is bounded by a positive constant, which we got in, we proved in part b. Now, by Weierstrass M test, each series, each term $\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)$ this is less than or equal to M/α , which we proved in part b, to the power n by n factorial. Since, the series found by the right hand side M/α , αh to the power n by n factorial, converges. We will have invoked the Weierstrass M tests, which we discussed in the preliminaries. By Weierstrass M test, the series n is equal to 1 to infinity $\phi_n(x) - \phi_{n-1}(x)$; this converges.

It converges uniformly, on the interval. The interval, which we are concerned about is x_0 to $x_0 + h$, will converge on this. Now, if this series, infinite series converges, what is a limit of it; to what it is converging? For that, let us consider the partial sequence of partial sum. So, consider the sequence of partial sum of the above series. Call it s_n ; $s_n(x)$ is in the partial sum plus if you add y_0 to it. So, y_0 plus the partial sum; n goes from 1 to; say, i goes from 1 to n ; $\phi_i(x) - \phi_{i-1}(x)$. So, just if you expand the plus terms and minus terms, they cancel each other, and this becomes by definition, this is your $\phi_n(x)$, which is defined by the Picard's iterative scheme. So, $\phi_n(x)$ is the partial sum of the infinite series.

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$\{S_n\} = \{\phi_n\}$ converges uniformly to a limit function ϕ on $[x_0, x_0+h]$.
 \Rightarrow The sequence of functions $\{\phi_n\}$ defined by the Picard's iterative scheme, converges uniformly to ϕ on $[x_0, x_0+h]$.
 From Part (A), each ϕ_n is continuous on $[x_0, x_0+h]$ and hence the limit function ϕ itself is continuous on $[x_0, x_0+h]$.
 Conclusion: $\{\phi_n\} \rightarrow \phi$ on $[x_0, x_0+h]$
 $\phi \in C[x_0, x_0+h]$

Since, infinite series converges uniformly, on to this interval; say, the partial sum $s_n(x)$, which is $\phi_n(x)$; that converges the sequence of partial sums. If you suppress x , this converges uniformly, to a limit function, say ϕ on the interval $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. Therefore, this implies that the sequence of functions ϕ_n , defined by the Picard's iterative scheme converges uniformly, to ϕ on this side interval, $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$ and also, from part a, which we have proved; each ϕ_n is continuous on $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. Therefore, the sequence of functions converges uniformly, to ϕ and each ϕ_n is continuous. Therefore, we can invoke the theorem, which we discussed in the preliminaries to conclude that the limit function ϕ itself, is continuous. So, from part a, each ϕ_n is continuous and hence, the limit function ϕ itself, is continuous on $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. So, in conclusion, therefore, we have, conclusion is the sequence ϕ_n converges to ϕ on $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$, and ϕ is an element of the set of whole continuous functions, defined on $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. Now, we will prove the next section, that is part d.

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Proof of Part D: To prove that the limit function ϕ satisfies the IVP.

Since each $\phi_n(x)$ satisfies $|\phi_n(x) - y_0| \leq b$ on $[x_0, x_0+h]$ we get $|\phi(x) - y_0| \leq b$ on $[x_0, x_0+h]$

We also have $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi$ uniformly on $[x_0, x_0+h]$, we will prove that $f(x, \phi_n(x)) \rightarrow f(x, \phi(x))$ uniformly on $[x_0, x_0+h]$.

$$|f(x, \phi_n(x)) - f(x, \phi(x))| \leq \alpha |\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)|$$

Uniform convergence of $\{\phi_n\} \Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N(\epsilon) > 0$ such that $|\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha} \quad \forall n > N(\epsilon)$

Proof of part d; there, we will show that this limit function ϕ , which we just got as a limit of the sequence of functions, defined by the Picard's iterative scheme, is a solution to the initial value problem. So, to prove that the limit function ϕ satisfies the initial value problem; since, each $\phi_n(x)$ satisfies the estimate $|\phi_n(x) - y_0| \leq b$ on the interval $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$, which we have proved in part a. Since, each $\phi_n(x)$ is inside the rectangle R , we get $|\phi(x) - y_0| \leq b$ on $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. So, this we can; ϕ_n converges uniformly, to ϕ on the interval. Therefore, the limiting function $\phi(x)$ satisfies $|\phi(x) - y_0| \leq b$ on this interval. We also have the convergence ϕ_n to ϕ ; that is a uniform convergence.

So, this converges uniformly, on the interval $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. We will prove that the function $f(x, \phi_n(x))$; this converges uniformly, to $f(x, \phi(x))$, uniformly on $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$. How this is done? We have only proved that ϕ_n converges to ϕ uniformly, on $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + h$, and by using that, and f is given to be continuous, and f is having nice properties; Lipschitz continuity and continuity with respect to x and Lipschitz continuity with respect to ϕ . Therefore, if we find $f(x, \phi_n(x)) - f(x, \phi(x))$, which is a limit function, this is less than or equal to by using the Lipschitz continuity of f with respect to the second argument, is $\alpha |\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)|$.

So, uniform convergence of ϕ_n implies that for every ϵ greater than 0, there exist a δ ; there exist a positive number n and that n dependence upon ϵ only, such

that n positive; such that $\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)$; this difference is less than ϵ for all n greater than $N(\epsilon)$. So, we can take this ϵ by α ; also, another ϵ , this to get ϵ at the end.

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Therefore, we find the estimate $f(x, \phi_n(x)) - f(x, \phi(x))$, which is less than or equal to $\alpha |\phi_n(x) - \phi(x)|$, and uniform convergence of ϕ_n implies that whenever, x is for all n small n larger than the capital n ; this can be made less than ϵ by α . So, this is less than or equal to $\alpha \epsilon$, which is ϵ , for all n greater than capital n , which is a function of ϵ . So, for given ϵ greater than 0, we could prove that there exist an n , such that $f(x, \phi_n(x)) - f(x, \phi(x))$; this difference, the absolute value of the difference is made less than an ϵ for all n greater than $N(\epsilon)$. So, this shows that $f(x, \phi_n(x))$ converges to $f(x, \phi(x))$ uniformly, on $[x_0, x_0+h]$.

Now, since $f(x, \phi_n(x))$ is continuous for each n ; this is continuous for each n on the interval $[x_0, x_0+h]$, the limit function $f(t, \phi(t))$ is also, continuous on $[x_0, x_0+h]$. The convergence is uniform and for each n in the sequence, each term of sequence is continuous, and the sequence converges uniformly. Therefore, the limit function is also continuous follows from the theorem; we discussed in the preliminaries. Therefore, $\phi(x)$ is equal to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(x)$, which is equal to, by definition, $y_0 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{x_0}^x f(t, \phi_n(t)) dt$.

Now, we invoke theorem 3 that we did in the preliminaries, on the interchange of limit and integration of sequence of functions. Since, a convergence is uniform and each time, $f(t, \phi_n)$ is continuous; we can interchange this limit and the integration. So, this is equal to y_0 plus integral x_0 to x of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(t, \phi_n)$ dt . Now, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(t, \phi_n)$ is your $f(t, \phi)$. Therefore, this is equal to y_0 plus integral x_0 to x of $f(t, \phi)$ dt . So, your left hand side is $\phi(x)$. Therefore, the limit function takes a form, $\phi(x)$ is equal to y_0 plus integral x_0 to x of $f(t, \phi)$ dt .

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$$\phi(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, \phi(t)) dt \leftarrow \text{limit function of } \{\phi_n\}$$

From the Basic Lemma, the function ϕ satisfies the initial value problem.

This proves the existence of a solution to the (IVP)

Now uniqueness of solution follows from The Uniqueness Theorem (proved earlier). \equiv

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Now, if you recall, therefore, $\phi(x)$ is equal to y_0 plus integral x_0 to x of $f(t, \phi)$ dt ; it is a limit function of the sequence ϕ_n , which is the sequence obtained from the Picard's iterative scheme. Now, if you invoke from the basic lemma, any function satisfying this integral equation, has to satisfy the initial value problem. The function ϕ satisfies initial value problem. Therefore, the Picard's iterants converges uniformly, to the solution of the initial value problem. This solution is unique. That uniqueness follows from the uniqueness theorem, which we proved. So, this proves the existence of a solution to the IVP. Now, for uniqueness what you require is the lipschitz continuity, which is already assumed in the theorem. Now, the uniqueness of solution follows from the uniqueness theorem, proved earlier. So, this completes the proof of Picard's existence and uniqueness here.

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Remark 1: For existence of solution to the IVP
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0$
 only continuity condition on f is needed.
 But for uniqueness, we need stronger conditions than continuity conditions, for example Lipschitz condn.

Remark 2: A weaker version of Lipschitz condition
 $|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq \alpha |y_1 - y_2| \ln \frac{1}{|y_1 - y_2|}$
 $\forall (x, y_1), (x, y_2) \in R_1$
 is sufficient to ensure uniqueness of solution to the IVP.

Few things to remark; although, lipschitz continuity was used in the above theorem to establish the existence result, it is possible to establish existence theorem, just by assuming only continuity assumptions on f . However, to establish uniqueness of solutions, one need to use conditions like lipschitz continuity of f with respect to y , or some other conditions, weaker or stronger conditions. So, for existence of solution to the initial value problem; that is we call $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$, $y(x_0) = y_0$ for the existence of solution to the initial value problem; only, continuity condition on f is sufficient. Only continuity condition is necessary; only continuity condition is needed, but for uniqueness, we need stronger condition than continuity. Say for example, lipschitz type; for example, lipschitz conditions and one can also, use a weak version of lipschitz type condition to ensure the uniqueness; that is the remark 1.

Remark 2; a weaker version of lipschitz type condition, say, it is something like $|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq \alpha |y_1 - y_2| \ln \frac{1}{|y_1 - y_2|}$; this is a lipschitz condition, but this is replaced by times \ln of 1 by $|y_1 - y_2|$; this is a weaker condition than the lipschitz condition; for all x, y_1 and x, y_2 on the domain of the rectangle. A weaker version of lipschitz condition is sufficient to ensure uniqueness of solution to the initial value problem. But still, continuity condition is enough to prove the existence. Now, we look into the Peano, Cauchy-Peano theorem, on existence of solution that requires only, continuity condition on the function f .

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Cauchy-Peano Existence Theorem

Definition: (ϵ -approximate solution)

Consider the IVP $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0$ (IVP)

where $f(x, y)$ is a real function defined a domain $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$.

An ϵ -approximate solution of the (IVP) on an interval $I = |x - x_0| \leq a$, is a function ϕ on I such that

- (i) $(x, \phi(x)) \in D, x \in I$
- (ii) $\phi \in C^1$ on I except possibly for a finite set S of points on I where ϕ' may have simple discontinuity.
- (iii) $|\phi' - f(x, \phi(x))| < \epsilon$ for $x \in I \setminus S$

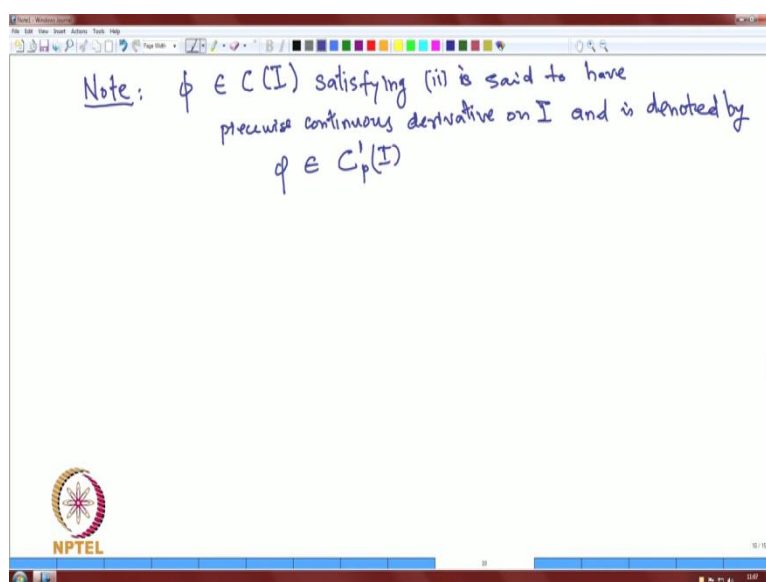
Now, we look into the Cauchy-Peano existence theorem. We state and prove Cauchy-Peano existence theorem for the initial value problem where, the function f is continuous on a domain d in \mathbb{R}^2 , but not lipschitz continuous with respect to the second argument; that is why. To prove the existence theorem, we first define what is called an epsilon approximation to solution for the initial value problem, just by using continuity on f . Subsequently, we define a sequence of approximate solutions. We define a sequence of approximate solutions for the initial value problem. We show that this sequence of epsilon approximate solution; that is uniformly, bounded and equi continuous. So, once we have a uniformly bounded and equi continuous sequence of functions, we make use of Arzelascoli theorem to extract a subsequence of the sequence that converges uniformly, to a function. Later, we should prove that the limit function is a solution to the initial value problem; that is the old idea of Cauchy-peano existence theorem.

Cauchy-peano existence theorem; we first define what is known as an epsilon approximate solution to the initial value problem. So, definition; it is called epsilon approximate solution. Consider the initial value problem, which is $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ with initial condition, y at x_0 is y_0 ; this is a initial value problem where, the function $f(x, y)$ is a real function, real valued function, defined on a domain; call it d in \mathbb{R}^2 . An epsilon approximate solution of the initial value problem, IVP on an interval; called it I , which is $|x - x_0| \leq a$, is a function, the epsilon approximate solution is a function; call it ϕ , defined on I , such that the

following properties are satisfied; first, x ; for every x in the interval I , is in the given domain d ; x on I . Second property; ϕ is C^1 class; this on I ; this is one time continuously differentiable; ϕ as continuous first derivative except, possibly for a finite set; call it s of points on I where, the derivative ϕ' may have finite discontinuity or simple discontinuity; have simple discontinuity. It is a kind of jump discontinuity. Third condition for approximate solution is the difference between $\phi' - f(x)$, less than ϵ for all x in the interval I except, for the points on this finite set s .

So, for a given initial value problem, we define an ϵ approximate solution. So, ϕ is said to be a function ϕ , is set to be a function ϕ on an interval I , given by x minus x is less than equal to a , said to be an approximate solution, ϵ approximate solution, if this property x $\phi(x)$ is in the domain, and ϕ is continuously differentiable except, on a set of finite number of points. The difference between ϕ' and $f(x)$; this is difference they are; this is made smaller than ϵ on the interval I minus s . So, what we do now, is we will prove that under continuity assumption on f , just by continuity assumption on f with respect to both x and y , there exist ϵ approximate solution to this initial value problem.

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So, we prove the following theorem and one note is the solution ϕ or any function ϕ , which is an element of $C^1(I)$, continuous functions defined on the interval I , satisfying the

second property, which we just have seen; the property 2; this property; that is ϕ is in C^1 of I except, possibly for a finite set S of points on I where, ϕ' may have simple discontinuity. So, if any function satisfying the second property, ϕ is said to have piecewise continuous derivative on the interval I , and is denoted by $\phi \in C^{1,p}(I)$; a class of functions having piecewise continuous derivatives.

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Theorem 1: Consider the IVP
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad \text{--- (IVP)}$
 Suppose that $f(x, y)$ is continuous on the rectangle R given by
 $R = \{(x, y) : |x - x_0| \leq a, |y - y_0| \leq b\}$
 Let $M = \max_{(x,y) \in R} |f(x, y)|$, $h = \min(a, \frac{b}{M})$
 Then, given $\epsilon > 0$ there exists ϵ -approximate
solution to the (IVP) on $|x - x_0| \leq h$.

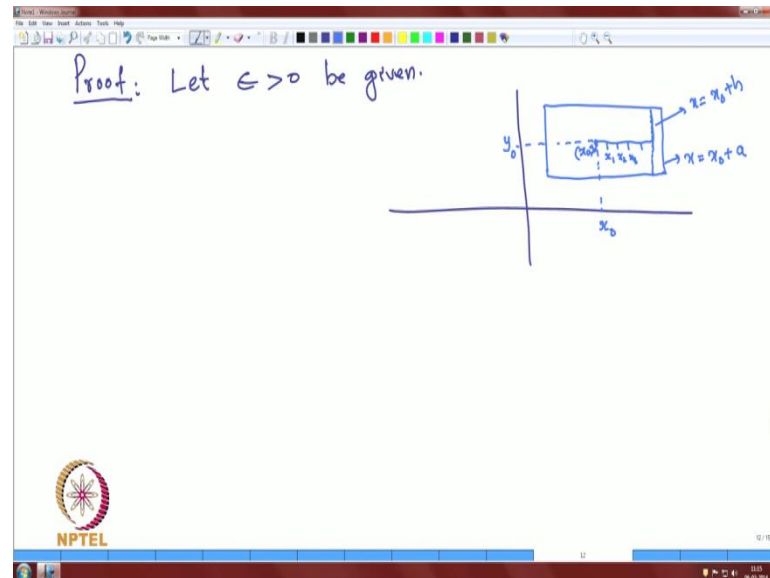
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So, we state the theorem; theorem 1. In this theorem, we prove that under continuity assumptions on f with respect to x and y , there exist epsilon approximate solutions to the initial value problem. Consider the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ with initial condition y at x_0 is y_0 ; initial value problem. Suppose, that f of x, y is continuous on the rectangle R , given by R , is set of four points x, y 's, such that $x - x_0$ is less than equal to a , and $y - y_0$ is less than equal to b .

Let M be a constant; M is equal to maximum of the function f of x, y , maximum of the function M and x, y lies on R , and h is a constant, defined by minimum of $a, \frac{b}{M}$. Then, the conclusion of theorem is then, given epsilon greater than 0, there exists epsilon approximate solution to the initial value problem on the interval $x - x_0$ less than equal to h . Theorem does not say anything about the uniqueness; theorem says that there exist an epsilon approximate solution to the initial value problem, under the continuity assumptions on f . The constant M ; since, f is continuous on the rectangle; rectangle is a closed set inside R^2 . Therefore, bounded and closed come back set, and the maximum is

attained. This m is defined and h is the minimum of a and b by m , depends on the value of m . So, we will prove this theorem.

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The all idea of this theorem; the proof of the theorem; we take let epsilon greater than 0 be given, then this is x y prime, and this is a rectangle and say, this is point x_0 y_0 , and say, this line is x is equal to x_0 plus a , and if h is smaller than a , this is x is equal to x_0 plus h . We divide the interval x_0 to x_0 plus h into n parts. So, the first point is x_0 , x_0 y_0 , then x_1 , x_2 , x_3 , etcetera. Then, we define approximate solution, starting from x_0 y_0 . We will approximate the solution by straight lines. The idea is starting from x_0 . At x_0 , I know what is the slope of the solution? Slope of the solution is f of x_0 y_0 ; I make a straight line. Then, from that that straight line, meets a line, x is equal to x_1 and 2; some points from there, I again, find the slope, and I make line segments and join the line segments to get a polygon. That polygon is an approximate solution. The mesh, the difference of x_i and x_{i+1} is very small. Then, that difference of the actual solution and the approximate solution can be made small. We will do that detail of the proof in the next lecture.

Thank you.