

## 2.4) Difference Between linear and nonlinear DE's

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- Recall that any 1<sup>st</sup> order ODE has the general form

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y) \quad \dots *$$

- The DE \* is linear if  $f$  is linear in  $y$ . Otherwise, the DE \* is nonlinear

Question: When the DE \* has a unique solution?  
How can we find the interval in which the solution is defined?

Th 2.4.1 (linear)  
Consider the 1<sup>st</sup> order linear DE

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t) \text{ with } y(t_0) = y_0 \quad \dots \textcircled{B}$$

If  $p(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are cont. on an open interval  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$  containing  $t_0$ , then  $\exists$  a unique solution  $y(t) = \phi(t)$  satisfies the IVP  $\textcircled{B}$  on  $I$ .

Proof Existence is done in section 2.1 pages 18 + 19

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \left[ \int \mu(t)g(t) dt + c \right], \quad \mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt}$$

Uniqueness  $\mu(t) = e^{\int_{t_0}^t p(t) dt}, \quad y(t_0) = y_0$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t \mu(t)g(t) dt + y_0 \right]$$



Remark (2.4.1) If the DE is 1<sup>st</sup> order linear (satisfies  $\textcircled{B}$ ), then we can find the interval  $I = (\alpha, \beta)$  that contains  $t_0$  without solving the DE

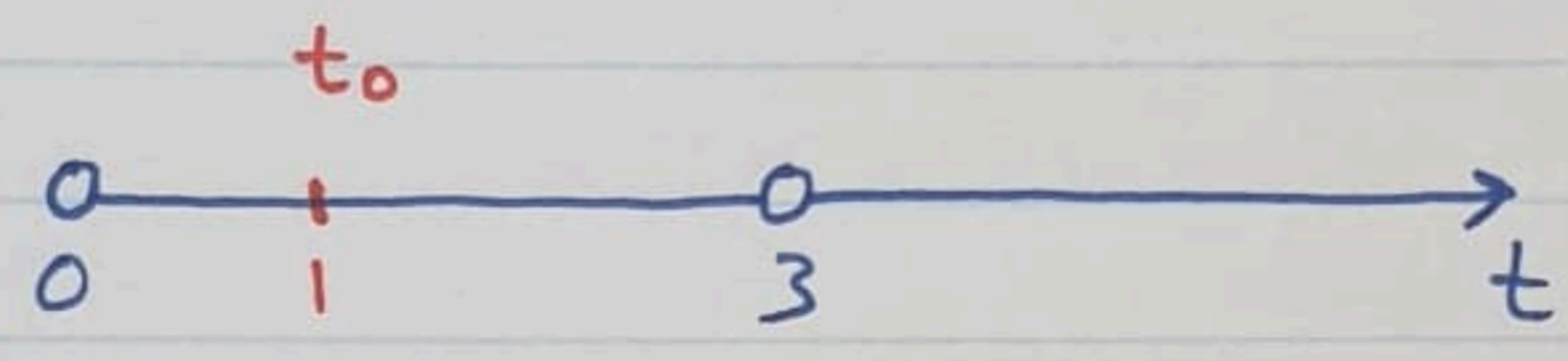
Exp Find the largest interval in which the solution of the following IVP's is valid (defined).

①  $(t-3)y' + (\ln t)y = 2t$  ,  $y(1) = 2$  linear

$$y' + \left( \frac{\ln t}{t-3} \right) y = \frac{2t}{t-3} \quad \dots \textcircled{B}$$

$p(t)$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{3\}$   $g(t)$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$

$p(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are cont. on  $(0, 3)$  containing  $t_0 = 1$



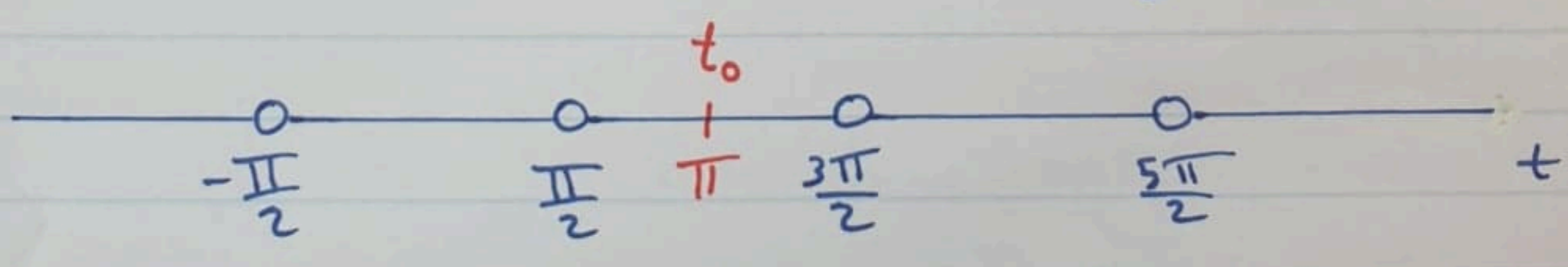
②  $(\cos t)y' = \sin t (\cos t - y)$  ,  $y(\pi) = 0$

$$y' = \tan t (\cos t - y)$$
 linear

$$y' + (\tan t)y = \sin t \quad \dots \textcircled{B}$$

$p(t)$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{ \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots \}$   $g(t)$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R}$

$p(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are cont. on  $I = \left( \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \right)$





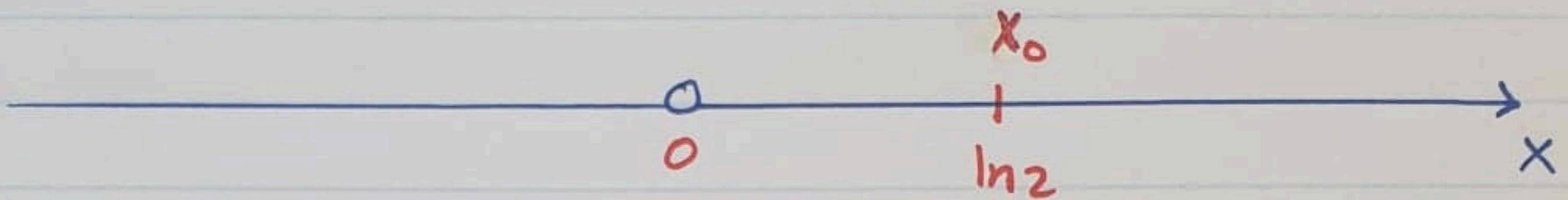
Exp Consider the IVP:

$$xy' = y + x^2 e^{-x}, \quad y(\ln 2) = \ln 2$$

1) Find an interval in which this IVP has a unique sol.

$$y' - \frac{1}{x}y = x e^{-x} \dots \textcircled{\beta} \quad \text{linear}$$

$p(x)$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$        $g(x)$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R}$



$p(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are cont. on  $I = (0, \infty)$  containing  $x_0$

2) Find the unique solution on this interval.

Apply  $\beta^* \Rightarrow \mu(x) = e^{\int p(x) dx} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\ln|x|} = e^{-\ln x} = \frac{1}{x}$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(x)} \left[ \int \mu(x) g(x) dx + c \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} \left[ \int \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) (x e^{-x}) dx + c \right]$$

$$= x \left[ -e^{-x} + c \right]$$

To find  $c$  we use IC:  $y(\ln 2) = \ln 2 \left[ -e^{-\ln 2} + c \right]$

$y(x) = x \left( -e^{-x} + \frac{3}{2} \right)$ $= \frac{3}{2}x - x e^{-x}$	$\ln 2 = \ln 2 \left[ -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + c \right]$ $1 = -\frac{1}{2} + c$ <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <math>c = \frac{3}{2}</math> </div>
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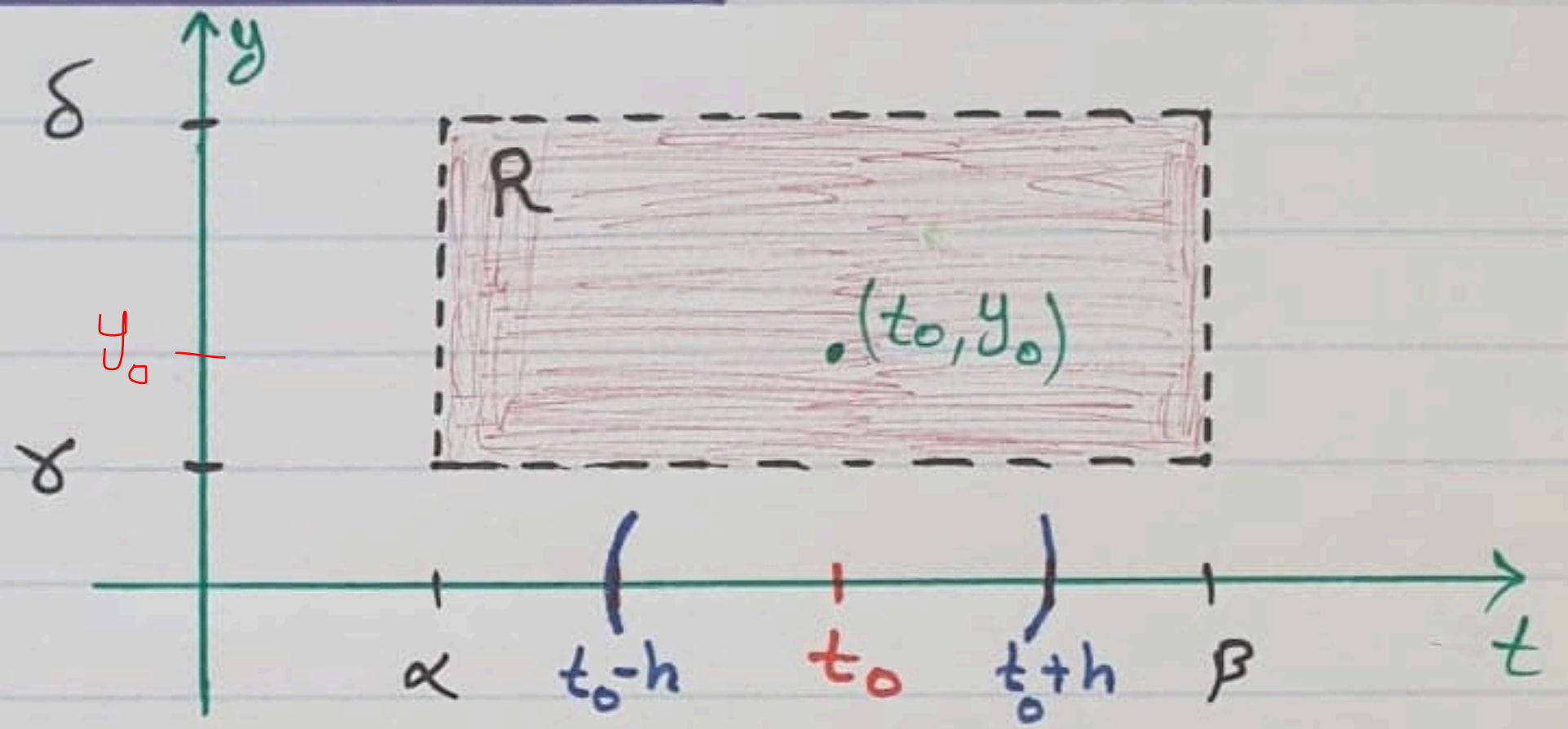


Th 2.4.2 (linear or nonlinear)  
Consider the IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y), \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

If  $f$  and  $f_y$  are cont. on an open rectangle  
 $R = \{ (t, y) : \alpha < t < \beta \text{ and } \gamma < y < \delta \}$   
containing the initial point  $(t_0, y_0)$ , then  
 $\exists$  a unique solution  $y(t) = \phi(t)$  on an open  
sub-interval  $I = (t_0 - h, t_0 + h) \subset (\alpha, \beta)$  s.t  
 $y = \phi(t)$  satisfies the IVP on  $I$ ,  $h \gg 0$ .

we can draw an  
open rectangle  $R$   
containing the  
initial point  $(t_0, y_0)$



Remark (2.4.2): If the DE is 1<sup>st</sup> order nonlinear, then  
to find the interval in which the solution  
is defined, we need to solve the DE  
first and find the domain of the solution  
which contains  $t_0$ .

Exp Find the largest interval in which the solution  
of the following IVP's is valid (defined):

$$\text{I) } y' = y^2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2$$
$$\int y^{-2} dy = \int dt$$

separable DE

nonlinear

1<sup>st</sup> solve  
to find the  
interval

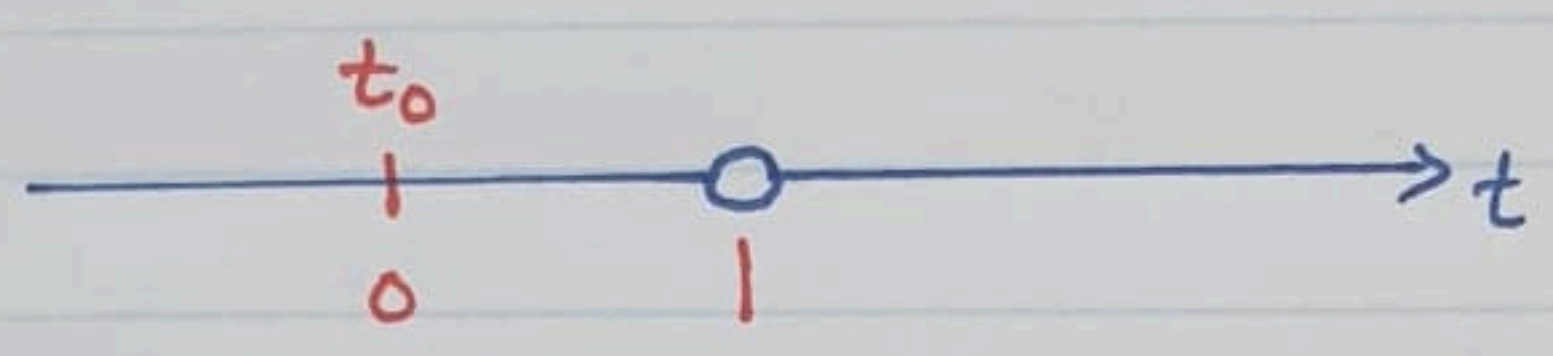


$-\frac{1}{y} = t + c$  To find  $c$  we use IC:

$-\frac{1}{1} = 0 + c \Rightarrow c = -1$

$-\frac{1}{y} = t - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = 1 - t$

$y(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$



$I = (-\infty, 1)$

[2]  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y-1)}$ ,  $y(0) = -1$

we have solved this Exp in section 2.2 page 23  $\Rightarrow$

$y(x) = 1 - \sqrt{(x^2 + 2)(x + 2)}$

with interval  $I = (-2, \infty)$

nonlinear  
 $\Downarrow$   
st  
I solve to find the interval

Exp show that the IVP:  $y' = y^2$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  has a unique solution

Compare with  $y' = f(t, y) \Rightarrow$

nonlinear  
Apply Th 2.4.2

$f = y^2$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R}$

$f_y = 2y$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R}$

By Th 2.4.2  $\exists$  a unique sol. since we can draw an open rectangle containing  $(t_0, y_0) = (0, 1)$



Exp show that the IVP:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y-1)}$ ,  $y(0) = -1$

has a unique sol.

Compare with  $y' = f(x, y) \Rightarrow$

$f = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y-1)}$  is cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{y=1\}$

$f_y = -\frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y-1)^2}$  is cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{y=1\}$

nonlinear  
Apply  
Th 2.4.2

Hence, we can draw an open rectangle  $R$  containing the initial point  $(x_0, y_0) = (0, -1)$ , so  $\exists$  a unique sol. by Th 2.4.2

Exp Consider the IVP:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y-1)}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$

□ Does this IVP have unique sol.?

Compare with  $y' = f(x, y) \Rightarrow$

$f = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y-1)}$  is cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{y=1\}$

$f_y = -\frac{3x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(y-1)^2}$  is cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{y=1\}$

problem

nonlinear  
Apply Th 2.4.2

We can not draw an open rectangle  $R$  containing  $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 1)$  where  $f$  and  $f_y$  are cont. Hence, the conditions of Th 2.4.2 do not hold  $\Rightarrow$  we can not guarantee the uniqueness.



② Find the interval in which the sol. is defined.

$$\int (2y - 2) dy = \int (3x^2 + 4x + 2) dx$$

$$y^2 - 2y = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + C$$

To find  $c \Rightarrow$  we use IC:  $y(0) = 1$

$$1^2 - 2(1) = 0 + 0 + 0 + C \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$y^2 - 2y = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x - 1 \quad \text{Implicit sol.}$$

$$y^2 - 2y + 1 = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x - 1 + 1$$

$$(y - 1)^2 = x(x^2 + 2x + 2)$$

$$|y - 1| = \sqrt{x(x^2 + 2x + 2)}$$

$$y(x) = 1 \pm \sqrt{x(x^2 + 2x + 2)}$$

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \sqrt{x(x^2 + 2x + 2)} \quad \checkmark \text{ sol. satisfies } y(0) = 1$$

$$y_2(x) = 1 - \sqrt{x(x^2 + 2x + 2)} \quad \checkmark \text{ sol. satisfies } y(0) = 1$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 2 = (x^2 + 2x + 1) + 1 = (x + 1)^2 + 1 \text{ is positive}$$

The interval in which the sol. is defined is  $I = (0, \infty)$

$$y_1(x_0) = y_2(x_0) = 1 = y_0 \quad \begin{array}{c} x_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x} \\ \xrightarrow{x} \end{array} \quad y_0 = 1 \text{ is V. Asy.}$$

nonlinear

st  
I solve to  
find the  
interval

The sol. is not unique



Exp Given the IVP:  $y' = y^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$

1) Does this IVP have unique sol.?

compare with  $y' = f(t, y) \Rightarrow$

$f = y^{\frac{1}{3}}$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R}$

$f_y = \frac{1}{3} y^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{y^2}}$  cont. on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{y=0\}$

problem

nonlinear  
Apply Th 2.4.2

We can not draw an open rectangle containing  $(t_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$  in which  $f$  and  $f_y$  are cont.

Hence, conditions of Th 2.4.2 do not hold  $\Rightarrow$  we can not guarantee the uniqueness.

2) Solve this IVP

We solved this IVP in section 2.2 page 24  $\Rightarrow$

$$y_1(t) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{27} t^3}$$

$$y_2(t) = -\sqrt{\frac{8}{27} t^3}$$

$$y_3(t) = 0$$

So there is no unique sol.