

Consider The problem

$$\begin{cases} y' = 3(y-1)^{2/3} \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Does the Picard-Lindelöf Theorem apply (E&P 1.3, Thm 1)?
- (b) Does the Peano Theorem apply?
- (c) Display an equilibrium solution.
- (d) Display a non-equilibrium solution.

(a) No. Let $f(x,y) = 3(y-1)^{2/3}$. Then f is an elementary function of Calculus I, therefore continuous everywhere it is defined. But

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = (3)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(y-1)^{-1/3}$$

is discontinuous at $y=1$, hence discontinuous in every box with center $x=0, y=1$. Picard's Thm does not apply.

(b) Yes. From (a), f is continuous in every box with center $x=0, y=1$.

(c) $y=1$, by inspection.

(d) $y = 1 + x^3$

Details:

$$\frac{y'}{(y-1)^{2/3}} = 3$$

$$\int \frac{y' dx}{(y-1)^{2/3}} = \int 3 dx$$

$$\frac{(y-1)^{1/3}}{1/3} = 3x + C_1$$

$$(y-1)^{1/3} = x + C$$

$$y = 1 + (x+C)^3$$

$y=1$ at $x=0$ implies $C=0$

$$y = 1 + x^3$$

ans check:

$$\text{LHS} = y' = 3x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= 3(y-1)^{2/3} \\ &= 3(x^3)^{2/3} \\ &= \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$