

## Answer on Question # 70254 - Math - Differential Equations

### Question

Determine a region of the  $xy$ -plane for which the given DE would have a unique solution whose graph passes through a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the region

$$(y-x)y' = y+x$$

### Solution

We have the initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{y+x}{y-x} \quad y(x_0) = y_0.$$

To determine a region of the  $xy$ -plane for which the given DE would have a unique solution whose graph passes through a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the region, we use the Fundamental Theorem of Existence and Uniqueness for a first order differential equation

$$y' = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0.$$

If  $f(x, y)$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  are continuous on a rectangular region defined by  $a < x < b$ ,  $c < y < d$  that contains the point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then there exist an interval centered at  $x_0$  and a unique function  $y(x)$  defined on the interval that satisfied the Initial Value Problem.

For this problem

$$f(x, y) = \frac{y+x}{y-x}$$

then

1.  $f(x, y) = \frac{y+x}{y-x}$  is continuous when  $y \neq x$  or otherwise  $y > x$  or  $y < x$ .

$$2. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \left( \frac{y+x}{y-x} \right)_y = \frac{(y+x)_y \cdot (y-x) - (y+x) \cdot (y-x)_y}{(y-x)^2} = \frac{1 \cdot (y-x) - (y+x) \cdot 1}{(y-x)^2} = \frac{-2x}{(y-x)^2}$$

also is continuous when  $y > x$  or  $y < x$ .

Therefore, by the Fundamental Theorem of Existence and Uniqueness, in the region of  $y > x$  or  $y < x$  the given DE would have a unique solution whose graph passes through a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the region.

**Answer:** a region of the  $xy$ -plane for which the DE  $(y-x)y' = y+x$  would have a unique solution whose graph passes through a point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the region, is  $y > x$  or  $y < x$ .

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