

1. Use the power series method to solve the following initial value problems. Assume $c \neq 0$.

(a) $\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} = c^2 f$ with $f(0) = 1$ and $\frac{df}{dt}(0) = 0$.

Steps

① Assume $f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n t^n$ & find the b_n .

② Plug in $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) b_n t^{n-2} = c^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n t^n$

or rather $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) b_n t^{n-2} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c^2 b_{n-2} t^{n-2} = 0$

or rather $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n(n-1) b_n - c^2 b_{n-2}) t^{n-2} = 0$

③ So $b_n = \frac{c^2 b_{n-2}}{n(n-1)}$ (*) for each $n \geq 2$

④ for $f(0) = 1 = b_0$ & $\frac{df}{dt}(0) = 0 = b_1$
 $b_2 = \frac{c^2 b_0}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{c^2}{2!}$
 $b_3 = \frac{c^2 \cdot 0}{3 \cdot 2} = 0$
 \vdots
 $b_{2n} = \frac{c^{2n}}{(2n)!}$
 $b_{2n+1} = 0$

(See proof on next page)

⑤ finally $f_a(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^{2n}}{(2n)!} t^{2n}$ is the needed power series.

(b) $\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} = c^2 f$ with $f(0) = 0$ and $\frac{df}{dt}(0) = c$.

Well from step (3)a. we know

$$b_n = \frac{c^2 b_{n-2}}{n(n-1)}$$

step
(4) b.

$$f(0) = 0 = b_0$$

$$\frac{df}{dt}(0) = c = b_1$$

$$b_2 = \frac{c^2 \cdot b_0}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{c^2 \cdot 0}{2 \cdot 1} = 0$$

$$b_3 = \frac{c^2 b_1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{c^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b_{2n} = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b_{2n+1} = \frac{c^{2n+1}}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

(5) b.

$$f_b(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} t^{2n+1}$$

is the needed power series

Proof: part (4) a. | Not need for this class, but... Note $b_0 = 1 = \frac{c^{2 \cdot 0}}{0!}$, $b_1 = 0$

Assume $b_{2(n-1)} = \frac{c^{2(n-1)}}{(2(n-1))!}$, Now

$$b_{2n} = \frac{c^2 b_{2(n-1)}}{2n(2n-1)} = \frac{c^2 c^{2(n-1)}}{(2n)(2n-1)(2n-2)!}$$

So by induction

$$b_{2n} = \frac{c^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$= \frac{c^{2n}}{(2n)!} \text{ as need}$$

Similar, for b_{2n+1} & for (4) b.

2. (a) Find the radius of convergence of the power series constructed in problems 1a and 1b.

Steps

① Recall the ratio test

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = r < 1$ then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ converges

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = r > 1$ then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges

② 1a well $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{c^{2n+1} t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}}{\frac{c^{2n} t^{2n}}{(2n)!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(ct)^2}{(2n+1)(2n+1)}$

$= \frac{(ct)^2}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + \frac{3}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}} = 0 < 1$

③ So by ① & ② $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^{2n} x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$ converges for all t
& radius of convergence is ∞

Similarly, for 1b since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(ct)^{2n+1+1}}{(2n+1+1)!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(ct)^2}{(2n+1)(2n+1)} = 0$ & ③ still holds.

(b) Show the derivative of the function constructed in problem 1a is a constant multiple of the function in constructed in problem 1b.

well

$$\frac{d}{dt} (f_a(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^{2n} t^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n c^{2n} t^{2n-1}}{(2n)!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c^{2n} t^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^{2(n+1)} t^{2(n+1)-1}}{(2(n+1)-1)!}$$

$$= c \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^{2n+1} t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$= c (f_b(t))$$

3. Recall $\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$ and $\cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$, and let $\tanh(x) = \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)}$ and $\operatorname{sech}(x) = \frac{1}{\cosh(x)}$.

(a) Using the above formula, show that $\cosh(x)^2 - \sinh(x)^2 = 1$ and $\tanh(x)^2 + \operatorname{sech}(x)^2 = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cosh(x))^2 - (\sinh(x))^2 = \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2 \\ \text{FOIL} & = \left(\frac{e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x}}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{e^{2x} - 2 + e^{-2x}}{4}\right) \\ & = \frac{2 - (-2)}{4} = \frac{4}{4} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\& \frac{1}{\cosh(x)^2} \left[(\cosh(x))^2 - (\sinh(x))^2 = 1 \right]$$

or rather

$$\left(\frac{\cosh(x)}{\cosh(x)}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\cosh(x)^2}$$

or rather

$$1 - (\tanh(x))^2 = (\operatorname{sech}(x))^2$$

$$\text{So } (\tanh(x))^2 + (\operatorname{sech}(x))^2 = 1 \text{ as needed.}$$

(b) Show that $\frac{d}{dx} \sinh(x) = \cosh(x)$ and that $\frac{d}{dx} \cosh(x) = \sinh(x)$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right) = \frac{e^x - (-e^{-x})}{2} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \cosh(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sinh(x))$$

$$\& \frac{d}{dx} (\cosh(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{e^x + (-e^{-x})}{2} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \sinh(x)$$

(c) Find a power series expression for $\sinh(z)$ and $\cosh(z)$.

$$\sinh(z) =$$

split into
even & odd
parts

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-z)^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} - \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + 0 \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cosh(z) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-z)^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} + 0 \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Let $\tanh(x) = \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)}$ and $\operatorname{sech}(x) = \frac{1}{\cosh(x)}$. Show $\frac{d}{dx} \tanh(x) = 1 - \tanh(x)^2$ and $\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{sech}(x) = -\operatorname{sech}(x) \tanh(x)$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tanh(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} \left((\sinh(x)) (\cosh(x))^{-1} \right)$$

from (c)

$$= \cosh(x) \cdot (\cosh(x))^{-1} + \sinh(x) (-1) (\cosh(x))^{-2} \cdot \sinh(x)$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)} \right)^2 = 1 - (\tanh(x))^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\operatorname{sech}(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} (\cosh(x))^{-1}$$

$$= -(\cosh(x))^{-2} \cdot \sinh(x)$$

$$= -\frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\cosh(x)}$$

$$= -\tanh(x) \cdot \operatorname{sech}(x)$$

or use of eqn 4 with 3(c)

4. (a) Show that $\sinh(ct)$ and $\cosh(ct)$ are solutions to the differential equation $\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} - c^2 f = 0$ when $c \neq 0$. (Hint you may use problems 1 and 3).

(b) Solve the initial value problem $\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} - c^2 f = 0$ with $f(0) = A$ and $\frac{df}{dt}(0) = B$ using $\sinh(ct)$ and $\cosh(ct)$.

4(a) well $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} (\sinh(ct)) = c \frac{d}{dt} (\cosh(ct))$ (by 3b.)

$= c^2 \sinh(ct)$ (by 3b.)

Similarly $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \cosh(ct) = c \frac{d}{dt} (\sinh(ct)) = c^2 \cosh(ct)$

4(b) we know that any thing in the form $f(t) = c_0 \sinh(ct) + d_0 \cosh(ct)$ is a solution.

At $t=0$

$$A = f(0) = \left(c_0 \sinh(ct) + d_0 \cosh(ct) \right) \Big|_{t=0} = c_0 \left(\frac{1-1}{2} \right) + d_0 \frac{1+1}{2} = d_0$$

$$B = \frac{df}{dt}(0) = \left(c c_0 \cosh(ct) + c d_0 \sinh(ct) \right) \Big|_{t=0} = c c_0 \frac{1+1}{2} + c d_0 \left(\frac{1-1}{2} \right) = c c_0$$

S/o

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$f(t) = \frac{B}{c} \sinh(ct) + A \cosh(ct)$ is the solution.

Steps

4). 5. Find a general solution to $\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} - c^2 f = e^{2t}$. (Hint you may use problem

① Well if we can find a particular solution $f_p(t)$ then any solution is in the form $f_p(t) + f_h(t)$ where $f_h(t)$ solves $\frac{d^2 f_h}{dt^2} - c^2 f_h = 0$. From

② we know $f_h(t) = \frac{B}{c} \sinh(ct) + A \cosh(ct)$ we only need an $f_p(t)$.

③ The guess method well we guess $f_p(t) = d_0 e^{2t}$

& note this implies $d_0 (4e^{2t} - c^2 e^{2t}) = e^{2t}$

or $d_0 (4 - c^2) = 1$. So if $c \neq \pm 2$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{4-c^2} e^{2t} + \frac{B}{c} \sinh(ct) + A \cosh(ct)$$

if $c = \pm 2$ we guess $d_0 t e^{2t}$ & find

$$d_0 \left(\frac{d}{dt} (e^{2t} + 2te^{2t}) - c^2 t e^{2t} \right) = e^{2t}$$

$$d_0 \left((4-c^2) t e^{2t} + (2) e^{2t} \right) = e^{2t} \quad \text{or } d_0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\& f(t) = \frac{1}{4} e^{2t} + \frac{B}{c} \sinh(ct) + A \cosh(ct)$$

6. Recall in polar coordinates that $\hat{r}(\theta)$ parameterizes the unit circle and that $\frac{d\hat{r}}{d\theta} = \hat{\theta}$, and $\frac{d\hat{\theta}}{d\theta} = -\hat{r}$. (To solve this problem you may use the results of problem 3.)

(a). Recall the equation of a hyperbola is given by $x^2 - y^2 = c$ for $c \neq 0$. Explain why $\hat{r}_h(\theta_h) = \cosh(\theta_h)\hat{i} + \sinh(\theta_h)\hat{j}$ parameterizes a hyperbola.

Well by 3(a)

$$(\cosh(\theta_h))^2 - (\sinh(\theta_h))^2 = 1,$$

as needed.

a piece of a hyperbola

(b). Let $\hat{\theta}_h = \sinh(\theta_h)\hat{i} + \cosh(\theta_h)\hat{j}$. Show $\frac{d\hat{\theta}_h}{dt} = \dot{\theta}_h\hat{\theta}_h$.

well

$$\frac{d\hat{r}_h}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left((\cosh(\theta_h))\hat{i} + (\sinh(\theta_h))\hat{j} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}(\cosh(\theta_h))\hat{i} + \frac{d}{dt}(\sinh(\theta_h))\hat{j}$$

by 3b $(\sinh(\theta_h))\dot{\theta}_h\hat{i} + \cosh(\theta_h)\dot{\theta}_h\hat{j}$

$$= \dot{\theta}_h\hat{\theta}_h$$

(c). Can $\frac{d\hat{\theta}_n}{dt}$ be expressed as a multiple of \hat{r}_n ? If so derive a formula relating the two, if not explain why not.

Well

$$\frac{d\hat{\theta}_n}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (\sinh(\theta_n) \hat{i} + \cosh(\theta_n) \hat{j})$$

$$= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \sinh(\theta_n) \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{d}{dt} \cosh(\theta_n) \right) \hat{j}$$

$$= \cosh(\theta_n) \dot{\theta}_n \hat{j} + \sinh(\theta_n) \dot{\theta}_n \hat{i}$$

$$= \dot{\theta}_n \hat{r}_n$$

So indeed,

(d). Why do the hats in \hat{r}_h and $\hat{\theta}_h$ feel inappropriate?

Well

$$|\hat{h}_h| = (\cosh(x)) + (\sinh(x))$$

$$= \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} = \cosh(2x) \neq 1$$

except for very special x .

not needed

In fact $\frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} = 1$ when

$$e^{4x} - 2e^{2x} + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{so } e^{2x} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-4}}{2} = 1$$

so $x=0$ is the only such value

7. How is the area of the parallelogram determined by $\hat{r}_h(\theta_h)$ and $\hat{\theta}_h(\theta_h)$ from problem 6 changing as θ_h changes? (Hint: use problem 3.)

Recall the area of this parallelogram is

$$|\hat{r}_h(\theta_h) \times \hat{\theta}_h(\theta_h)|$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \cos(\theta_h) & \sinh(\theta_h) & 0 \\ \sinh(\theta_h) & \cosh(\theta_h) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = |(\cosh(\theta_h))^2 - (\sinh(\theta_h))^2|$$

$= 1$ by (3a) so this
 are does not change as θ_h varies.

8. (a) Let $\vec{F} = y^2\hat{i} + x\hat{j}$ and suppose an object travels along $\gamma(t) = (t - \tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t))$. Set up (but do not evaluate!) an integral for the work done by this force on this object as time goes from 0 to 2.

$$W_{\text{on}} = \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

$$= \int_0^2 \vec{F}(t - \tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t)) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(t - \tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t)) dt$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left((\operatorname{sech}(t))^2, t - \tanh(t) \cdot (1 - (1 - (\tanh(t))^2)), -\operatorname{sech}(t) \tanh(t) \right) dt$$

(by 3d)

$$= \int_0^2 \left(\operatorname{sech}(t) \tanh(t) \right)^2 - \operatorname{sech}(t) \tanh(t) (t - \tanh(t)) dt$$

(b) Let $\vec{F} = y^2\hat{i} + 2xy\hat{j}$ and suppose an object travels along $\gamma(t) = (t - \tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t))$. Set up (but do not evaluate!) an integral for the work done by this force on this object as time goes from 0 to 2.

Just as in 6d.

$$\text{work} = \int_0^2 (\operatorname{sech}(t) \tanh(t))^2 - 2(\operatorname{sech}(t))^2 \tanh(t) (t - \tanh(t)) dt$$

steps

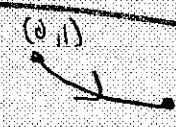
9. Compute the work done in either problem 8a or problem 8b. (Hint: be sure to think).

① We these integrals stink!
We better find one of the \vec{F} 's conservative

$$\text{well } -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = y^2 \quad V = -xy^2 + f(y)$$

$$\text{and } -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 2xy \quad V = -xy^2 + g(x)$$

which is consistent so $V(x, y) = -xy^2$
is our need potential.

② So work = $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ for any C  $\left(2 - \frac{e^2 - e^{-2}}{e^2 + e^{-2}}\right) \frac{4}{e^2 + e^{-2}}$
or rather (x_0, y_0)

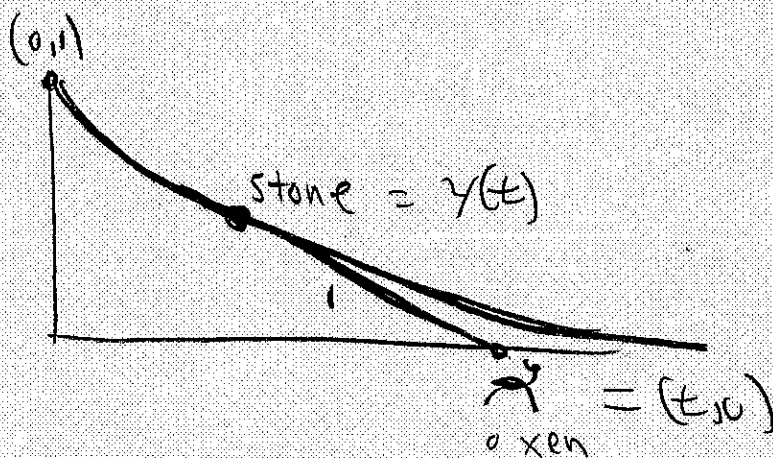
$$= \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = V(x_0, y_0) - V(0, 1)$$

$$= -x_0 y_0^2 + 2 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \quad \text{So}$$

$$\text{Work} = \left[+ \left(2 - \frac{e^2 - e^{-2}}{e^2 + e^{-2}} \right) \frac{4}{(e^2 + e^{-2})^2} \right]$$

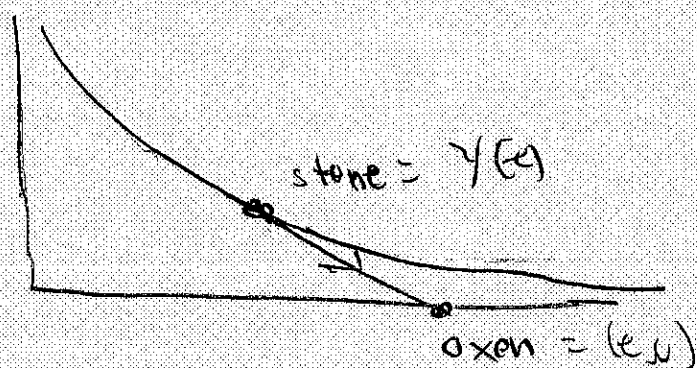
10. Imagine an oxen starting at $(0,0)$ is attached via a taught rope of length one decameter to large stone at $(0,1)$. Suppose the oxen is then driven at a constant speed of one decameter per minute along the x -axis. Let $\gamma(t)$ denote the position of the stone at time t . (To solve this problem you may use the results of problem 3.)

(a). Justify in words and/or a picture why the path must satisfy that the line segment starting at $\gamma(t)$ and ending at $(t,0)$ must have length 1.



The line segment from $\gamma(t)$ to $(t,0)$ is our taught rope of length 1.

(b). Justify in words and/or a picture why the line starting at $\gamma(t)$ heading in the direction determined by $\frac{dy}{dt}$ must hit x -axis at $(t, 0)$.



Well $\frac{dy}{dt}$ describes the stone's instantaneous rate & direction of change; which is towards to oxen, since the oxen is pulling the stone. The oxen is a $(t, 0)$ on the x -axis, as needed.

(c). Show that the path $\gamma(t) = (t - \tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t))$ satisfies the conditions described in 10a and 10b.

(10a) $\left| (t - \tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t)) - (t, 0) \right| = \left| \frac{dy}{dt} - (t, 0) \right|$

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| $(-\tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t))$ |

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$(\tanh(t))^2 + (\operatorname{sech}(t))^2$

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by (3d)

Similarly

(10b) $\frac{dy}{dt} \stackrel{\text{by (3d)}}{=} (1 - (1 - \tanh(t)^2), -\operatorname{sech}(t)\tanh(t))$

$= \tanh(t) (\tanh(t), -\operatorname{sech}(t))$

which has the same direction as $\frac{dy}{dt} - (t, 0)$

from (*), as needed

(Hard)

(EXTRA CREDIT 1) Explain why $\gamma(t) = (t - \tanh(t), \operatorname{sech}(t))$ is the only path that can satisfy 10a and 10b.

Steps

① 10(a) implies $(x-t)^2 + y^2 = 1$ or $x = \pm\sqrt{1-y^2} + t$

& hence $\dot{x} = \frac{-y}{\pm\sqrt{1-y^2}} \dot{y} + 1$ (*)

negative since t is increasing

② 10(b) implies $(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) = c(x-t, y)$

or $\frac{\dot{x}}{x-t} = c = \frac{\dot{y}}{y}$ & hence

$\dot{y} = \frac{y}{x-t} \dot{x} = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \dot{x}$ (**)

③ so

\dot{y} by (*) (**)

$$= \frac{-y^2}{1-y^2} \dot{y} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$$

rearranging

$\frac{\dot{y}}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} = \left(1 + \frac{y^2}{1-y^2}\right) \dot{y} = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$ & finally

$\dot{y} = -y\sqrt{1-y^2}$ (4)

$\frac{dt}{dy} = \frac{\pm 1}{y\sqrt{1-y^2}}$ has some

unique solution s.t. $y=1$ when $t=0$, & $y(t) = \operatorname{sech}(t)$ satisfies

$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d \operatorname{sech}(t)}{dt} = -\operatorname{sech}(t) \tanh(t) = -y\sqrt{1-y^2}$, as needed. (3d) (3a)

(d). The path $\gamma(t)$ describes our stones path. Set up (but do not evaluate) an integral to determine how far the stone has traveled in the first t_0 minutes.

$$\int_0^{t_0} \left| \frac{dy}{dt} \right| dt \stackrel{\text{by 3}}{=} \int_0^{t_0} \left| (\tanh(t))^2, -\operatorname{sech}(t)\tanh(t) \right| dt$$

$$= \int_0^{t_0} (\tanh(t))^4 + (\tanh(t))^2 (\operatorname{sech}(t))^2 dt$$

$$= \int_0^{t_0} (\tanh(t))^2 \left((\tanh(t))^2 + (\operatorname{sech}(t))^2 \right) dt$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by 3}}{=} \int_0^{t_0} (\tanh(t))^2 dt$$

inidentally

$$= \ln(\cosh(t)) \Big|_0^{t_0} = \ln(\cosh(t_0))$$

Easier

(EXTRA CREDIT 2) Do you expect the stone will have traveled exactly as far, less far, or further than the oxen, and why?

well

$$\left| \frac{dy}{dt} \right| = (\tanh(x)) ^2 = \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \right)^2 < 1$$

$$\left(\text{since } e^x - e^{-x} < e^x < e^x + e^{-x} \right).$$

$$\text{so } \int_0^{t_0} \left| \frac{dy}{dt} \right| dt < \int_0^{t_0} 1 dt = t_0$$

= distance traveled by oxen.