

$$y' = \frac{t^2}{y(1+t^3)}, \quad y(0) = y_0 > 0. \quad (*)$$

$t = -1$ is a point of discontinuity. Thus, we should assume that either $t < -1$ or $t > -1$. Since our initial condition is at $t = 0$, we need to assume that $t > -1$. Also $y = 0$ is a discontinuity. Thus, we must assume either $y > 0$ or $y < 0$. Since $y_0 > 0$, we must assume that $y > 0$. We solve (*) by separating variables.

$$y dy = \frac{t^2 dt}{1+t^3} \Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \log(1+t^3) + C$$

$$\text{If } t = 0, \quad \frac{y_0^2}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0 + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{y_0^2}{2}.$$

$$\text{Thus, } y^2 = \frac{2}{3} \log(1+t^3) + y_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \log(1+t^3) + y_0^2}.$$

Since $y_0 > 0$ at $t = 0$, we need to take the + sign. Thus,

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \log(1+t^3) + y_0^2}.$$

The function under the square root must be ≥ 0 , i.e.

$$\frac{2}{3} \log(1+t^3) + y_0^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(1+t^3) \geq -\frac{3y_0^2}{2}$$

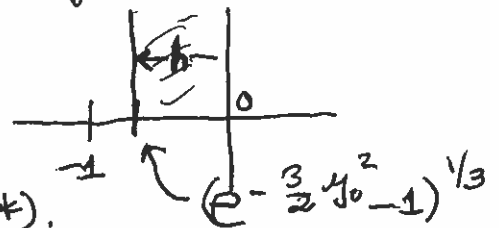
$$\Rightarrow 1+t^3 > \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2}y_0^2\right) \Rightarrow t^3 > \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2}y_0^2\right) - 1$$

We now take the cube root of both sides of (**). Note that the right side is < 0 . Thus, the cube root will be negative. Thus,

$$t > \left(\exp\left(-\frac{3}{2}y_0^2\right) - 1\right)^{1/3}$$

Hence,

$$h = \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2}y_0^2\right)\right)^{1/3}$$



Hence, \exists a unique solution to (*).

The solution is given by (*), and it is valid for $-h < t < h$, where h is given above.