

# On The Existence of A Unique Solution for Systems of Ordinary Differential Equations of First Order

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**Abstract**— In this paper, we state and prove a theorem for local existence of a unique solution for a system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations ( NODE ) of first order by proving that the nonlinear operator of this system is contractive in a metric space subset of the Banach space consisting of the bounded differentiable functions on the real numbers and equipped with a Bielecki's type norm. Finally, we give examples to illustrate our result.

**Index Terms**— Banach space of bounded functions  $X(t) \in C'(\mathbb{R})$ , Existence of a unique solution globally, System of nonlinear ordinary differential equations of first order.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In 2015, Bojeldain [1] proved a theorem for the existence of a unique solution for nonlinear ordinary differential equations of order  $m$ .

In this paper we study the system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations of first order having the general form:

$$X'(t) = F(t, X(t)), \quad (1)$$

with the initial condition,

$$X(a) = C, \quad (2)$$

where  $t \geq a$  is a finite real number, and

$$X'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1(t) \\ x'_2(t) \\ x'_3(t) \\ \vdots \\ x'_n(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$X(a) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(a) \\ x_2(a) \\ x_3(a) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(a) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$F(t, X(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t, X(t)) \\ f_2(t, X(t)) \\ f_3(t, X(t)) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(t, X(t)) \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

In other form the system is

$$x'_i(t) = f_i(t, x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t), \dots, x_n(t))$$

for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

Since the system of (NODE) (1) with the initial condition (2) is equivalent to the integral equation:

$$X(t) = C + \int_a^t F(\tau, X(\tau)) d\tau \quad (7)$$

we denote the right hand side (r.h.s.) of (7) by the nonlinear operator  $Q(X)t$ ; then prove that this operator is contractive in a metric space  $E$  subset of the Banach space  $B$  of the class of bounded functions  $X(t) \in C'(\mathbb{R})$  defined by:

$$B = \{(t, X(t)) \mid |t - a| < \infty, |x_i(t) - c_i| \leq T_i' < \infty, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \quad (8)$$

and equipped with the weighted norm:

$$\|X\| = \max_{|t-a| < \infty} (\exp(-L|t-a|) \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i(t)|) \quad (9)$$

which is known as Bielecki's type norm [2],  $L = \max(l, 1)$  is a finite real number where  $l = \max(l_i)$ ,  $l_i$  is the Lipschitz coefficient of  $f_i(t, X(t))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  in  $B1$  (a subset of the Banach space  $B$  given by (8)) defined by:

$$B1 = \{(t, x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t), \dots, x_n(t)) \mid |t - a| \leq T, |x_i(t) - c_i| \leq T_i \leq T_i'\} \quad (10)$$

where

$T$  and  $T_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are finite real numbers.

When the function  $F$  in the r.h.s of (1) depends linearly on its arguments except  $t$ , then equation (1) is a  $1^{st}$  order system of linear ordinary differential equations and to prove the existence of a unique solution for it in  $[a - T, a + T]$  one usually prove that component wise in a neighbourhood  $N_\delta(a)$  for  $t \in [a, a + \delta]$ , then mimic the same steps of the proof for  $t \in [a - \delta, a]$ ; after that use another theorem to show whether the solution do exist for all  $t \in [a - T, a + T]$  or not as in [3]. By the theorem which we are going to state and prove in this paper one can easily prove the existence of a unique solution for  $1^{st}$  order nonlinear systems of ordinary differential equations on the general form (1) for all  $t \in [a - \delta, a + \delta]$  directly in a very simple metric space  $E$  consisting of the functions  $X(t) \in C'[a - T, a + T]$ , subset of the Banach space (8) [4], and equipped with the simple efficient norm (9) for  $|t - a| \leq \delta$ , moreover if the Lipschitz condition (11) is guaranteed to be satisfied in the Banach space (8), then the theorem guarantees the existence of a unique solution for  $|t - a| < \infty$  in most cases and not in general as mentioned in [5].

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Note that this theorem is valid for 1<sup>st</sup> order linear systems of ordinary differential equations as well.

### II. MAIN THEOREM

Now, we are in a position to state and prove our main theorem.

**Theorem:** Consider the system of ( NODE ) (1) with the initial condition (2) and suppose that the function  $F$  in the r.h.s. of (1) is continuous and satisfies the Lipschitz condition:

$$|F(t, X(t)) - F(t, Y(t))| \leq l|X(t) - Y(t)| = l \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| \quad (11)$$

in  $B_1$  given by (10); then the initial value problem (1) and (2) has a unique solution in the  $(n + 1)$  dimensional metric space  $E$  ( of the functions  $X(t) \in C'[a - \delta, a + \delta] \subseteq B$  defined by:

$$E = \{(t, x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t), \dots, x_n(t)) \mid |t - a| \leq \delta, |x_i(t) - c_i| \leq T^*\} \quad (12)$$

such that  $\delta = \min(T, \frac{T^*}{M})$ ; where  $T^* = \min(T_i)$ ,  $M = \max(M_i)$ , and  $|f_i(t, X(t))| \leq M_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  in  $B_1$

**Proof:** Integrating both sides of (1) from  $a$  to  $t$  and using the initial condition(2), we obtain the system of integral equations(7).

To form a fixed point problem  $X(t) = Q(X)t$  denote the r.h.s. of (7) by  $Q(X)t$ , and to apply the contraction mapping theorem we first show that  $Q: E \rightarrow E$ ; then prove that  $Q$  is contractive in  $E$ .

We see that:

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(X)t - C| &= \left| \int_a^t F(\tau, X(\tau)) d\tau \right| \leq \\ &\leq \int_a^t |F(\tau, X(\tau))| d\tau \leq \\ &\leq \int_a^t M d\tau \leq M|t - a| \leq M\delta \leq M \frac{T^*}{M} \leq T^* \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

hich means that  $Q: E \rightarrow E$ .

Next we prove that  $Q$  is contractive, to do so we consider the difference:

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(X)t - Q(Y)t| &= |Q(X) - Q(Y)|t = \\ &= \left| \int_a^t (F(\tau, X(\tau)) - F(\tau, Y(\tau))) d\tau \right| \leq \\ &\leq \int_a^t |F(\tau, X(\tau)) - F(\tau, Y(\tau))| d\tau \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

which according to Lipschitz condition (11) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(X) - Q(Y)|t &\leq l \int_a^t |X(\tau) - Y(\tau)| d\tau \leq \\ &\leq L \int_a^t \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i(\tau) - y_i(\tau)| d\tau \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Multiplying the most r. h. s. of (15) by  $\exp(-L|t - a|) \exp(L|t - a|)$ , we get

$$|Q(X) - Q(Y)|t \leq$$

$$L \int_a^t \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i(\tau) - y_i(\tau)| \exp(-L|\tau - a|) \right) \exp(L|\tau - a|) d\tau \leq L \int_a^t \max_{|t-a| \leq \delta} \left( \exp(-L|\tau - a|) \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i(\tau) - y_i(\tau)| \right) \exp(L|\tau - a|) d\tau \quad (16)$$

which is ( according to (9) ),

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(X) - Q(Y)|t &\leq L \|X - Y\| \int_a^t \exp(L|\tau - a|) d\tau = \\ &= \|X - Y\| (\exp(L|t - a|) - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

i.e.,

$$|Q(X) - Q(Y)|t \leq \|X - Y\| (\exp(L|t - a|) - 1) \quad (18)$$

Multiplying both sides of (18) by  $\exp(-L|t - a|)$  leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-L|t - a|) |Q(X) - Q(Y)|t &\leq \|X - Y\| \cdot \\ (1 - \exp(-L|t - a|)) &\leq \|X - Y\| (1 - \exp(-L\delta)) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The most r. h. s. of (19) is independent of  $t$ , thus it is an upper bound for its l. h. s. for any  $|t - a| \leq \delta$ ; whence:

$$\max_{|t-a| \leq \delta} (\exp(-L|t - a|) |Q(X) - Q(Y)|t) \leq \|X - Y\| (1 - \exp(-L\delta)) \quad (20)$$

which, according to the norm definition (9), gives:

$$\|Q(X) - Q(Y)\| \leq (1 - \exp(-L\delta)) \|X - Y\| \quad (21)$$

Since  $0 < (1 - \exp(-L\delta)) < 1$ ; then  $Q(X)t$  is a contraction operator in  $E$  and has a unique solution for  $t \in N_\delta(a)$ .

### III. EXAMPLES

In this section, we give two examples illustrate the above obtained result.

**Example 3.1** We selected the exact solutions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1^*(t) &= t^2 \\ x_2^*(t) &= e^t \\ x_3^*(t) &= t + 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (22)$$

and constructed the following system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= 2t - x_1^2 + 2t^2 x_1 - t^4 \\ x_2'(t) &= 2e^t - x_2 \\ x_3'(t) &= -x_3^2 + 2x_3 t + 8x_3 - t^2 - 8t - 15 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (23)$$

If we  $a = 0$  in (22), we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1^*(0) &= 0 \\ x_2^*(0) &= 1 \\ x_3^*(0) &= 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

as the initial conditions to (23).

Selecting positive finite real numbers  $T_1, T_2$ , and  $T_3$  we find that  $|x_i - c_i| \leq T_i$  leads to  $|x_1(t)| \leq T_1, |x_2(t)| \leq T_2 + 1, |x_3(t)| \leq T_3 + 4$ .

The subset  $B_1$  is:

$$\{(t, x_1(t), x_2(t)) \mid |t - a| \leq T, |x_1(t)| \leq T_1, |x_2(t)| \leq T_2 + 1, |x_3(t)| \leq T_3 + 4\} \quad (25)$$

In B1 we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |f_1(t, x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t))| &= |2t - x_1^2 + 2t^2x_1 - t^4| \leq \\ &\leq 2T + T_1^2 + 2T^2T_1^2 + T^4, \\ |f_2(t, x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t))| &= |2e^t - x_2| \leq 2e^T + T_2 + 1, \\ \text{and} \\ |f_3(t, x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t))| &= \\ &= |-x_3^2 + 2x_3t + 8x_3 - t^2 - 8t - 15| \leq \\ &\leq (T_3 + 4)(T_3 + 2T + 12) + T(T + 8) + 15 \\ \text{i.e. } M_1 &= 2T + T_1^2 + 2T^2T_1^2 + T^4, M_2 = 2e^T + T_2 + 1, \\ \text{and } M_3 &= (T_3 + 4)(T_3 + 2T + 12) + T(T + 8) + 15. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we check the Lipschitz condition for  $f_1, f_2$ , and  $f_3$ :

$$|f_1(t, X(t)) - f_1(t, Y(t))| = |-x_1^2 + 2t^2x_1 + y_1^2 - 2t^2y_1| \leq 2(T_1 + T^2)(|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| + |x_3 - y_3|) \quad (26)$$

therefore  $f_1$  satisfies the Lipschitz condition (11) in B1 given by (25) with Lipschitz coefficient  $l_1 = 2(T_1 + T^2)$ ,

$$|f_2(t, X(t)) - f_2(t, Y(t))| = |2e^t - x_2 - 2e^t - y_2| \leq |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| + |x_3 - y_3|, \quad (27)$$

i.e.  $f_2$  satisfies the Lipschitz condition (11) in B1 given by (25) with Lipschitz coefficient  $l_2 = 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} |f_3(t, X(t)) - f_3(t, Y(t))| &= \\ &= |-x_3^2 + 2x_3t + 8x_3 + y_3^2 - 2y_3t - 8y_3| \leq \\ &\leq 2(8 + T_3 + T)(|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| + |x_3 - y_3|); \quad (28) \end{aligned}$$

whence  $f_3$  satisfies the Lipschitz condition (11) in B1 given by (25) with Lipschitz coefficient  $l_3 = 2(8 + T_3 + T)$ . Therefore  $L = \max(2(T_1 + T^2), 1, 2(8 + T_3 + T))$ .

Putting  $M = \max(M_1, M_2, M_3) = k_2T$  and  $T^* = \min(T_1, T_2, T_3) = k_1T$  such that the  $k_1, k_2$  are positive real numbers, we find that the unique solution exists in the interval  $|t - a| \leq \delta$  where,

$$\delta = \begin{cases} T, & \text{if } k_1 \leq k_2 \\ \frac{k_1}{k_2}T, & \text{if } k_2 > k_1 \end{cases}$$

**Example 3.2** [5] As a second example, consider the following system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1' + t^2 \cos x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_2' + \sin x_1 = 0 \end{cases}, \quad (29)$$

having the initial conditions:

$$\begin{cases} x_1(a) = 0 \\ x_2(a) = 1 \end{cases}. \quad (30)$$

Selecting positive finite real numbers  $T_1, T_2$  we find that  $|x_i - c_i| \leq T_i$  leads to  $|x_1(t)| \leq T_1, |x_2(t)| \leq T_2 + 1$ . The subset B1 is:

$$\{(t, x_1(t), x_2(t)) \mid |t - a| \leq T, |x_1(t)| \leq T_1, |x_2(t)| \leq T_2 + 1\} \quad (31)$$

in which,

$$|f_1(t, x_1(t), x_2(t))| = |-t^2 \cos x_1 - x_2| \leq t^2(|\cos x_1|) + |x_2| \leq (T + a)^2 + T_2 + 1$$

$$\text{and } |f_2(t, x_1(t), x_2(t))| = |-\sin x_1| \leq 1, \text{ i.e. } M_1 = (T + a)^2 + T_2 + 1, M_2 = 1. \text{ Hence } M = \max(M_1, M_2) = (T + a)^2 + T_2 + 1.$$

Next, we check the Lipschitz condition for  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |f_1(t, X(t)) - f_1(t, Y(t))| &= \\ &= |-t^2 \cos x_1 - x_2 + t^2 \cos y_1 + y_2| \leq \\ &\leq t^2|\cos x_1 - \cos y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| \leq \\ &\leq 2(T + a)^2(|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|), \quad (32) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|f_2(t, X(t)) - f_2(t, Y(t))| = |-\sin x_1 + \sin y_1| \leq |x_1 - y_1| \leq (|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|) \quad (33)$$

therefore  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  satisfy the Lipschitz condition (11) in B1 given by (31) with Lipschitz coefficient  $l_1 = 2(T + a)^2$  and  $l_2 = 1$  respectively. Hence  $L = \max(l_1, 1) = 2(T + a)^2$ .

Putting  $M = k_2T, T^* = k_1T$  such that the  $k_1, k_2$  are positive real numbers, we find that the unique solution exists in the interval  $|t - a| \leq \delta$  where,

$$\delta = \begin{cases} T, & \text{if } k_1 \leq k_2 \\ \frac{k_1}{k_2}T, & \text{if } k_2 > k_1 \end{cases}$$

#### IV. CONCLUSION

We see that the contraction coefficient  $0 < (1 - \exp(-L\delta)) < 1$  for any finite  $\delta > 0$ . Moreover, in most cases, if the function  $F$  in the r.h.s. of (1) is continuous and satisfies Lipschitz condition in the Banach space (8) with finite positive Lipschitz coefficient, then the theorem is proved for  $t$  in any interval  $I$  of finite length because the contraction coefficient  $(1 - \exp(-L\mu(I)))$  will be positive and less than 1; where  $\mu(I)$  is the measure of the interval  $I$ .

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