

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega^2 \sin(\theta) = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{g}{l}$$

IC:  $\theta(t=0) = \varepsilon$

$$\dot{\theta}(t=0) = 0$$

Non-linear IVP  $\therefore$  E&U?

- How to find solution?

E&U: IVP  $\checkmark$

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2 \sin(\theta)$$

$$f(\cancel{t}, \theta, \cancel{\dot{\theta}}) = -\omega^2 \sin(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = -\omega^2 \cos(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = 0$$

## Existence and Uniqueness for *non-linear* 2nd order ODEs

Consider the *non-linear* second-order ODE

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \quad (1)$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$y(X) = Y, \quad y'(X) = Z, \quad (2)$$

where the constants  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ , and the function  $f(x, y, y')$ , are given.

### Theorem

If  $f(x, y, y')$  and  $\frac{\partial f(x, y, y')}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial f(x, y, y')}{\partial y'}$  are continuous functions of  $x, y$  and  $y'$  in a region  $0 < |x - X| < a$ ,  $0 < |y - Y| < b$  and  $0 < |y' - Z| < c$ , then there exists exactly one solution to the initial value problem defined by (1) and (2) in an interval  $0 < |x - X| < h \leq a$ .

### Notes:

- The statement is easily generalised to (even) higher-order ODEs.
- The theorem only provides a local statement!
- The statement only applies to initial value problems!
- The criteria listed are *sufficient* to ensure the existence of a unique solution but they are *not necessary*!  $\implies$  An IVP may still have a unique solution even if the conditions are violated.

are all continuous fcts (2  
of  $t, \Theta, \dot{\Theta}$

$\Rightarrow$  Unique soln. exists  
for small times  $t > 0$

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$$\ddot{\Theta} + \omega^2 \sin \Theta = 0$$

From numerical solution  
we note that  $|\Theta(t)| \leq \epsilon$

In this regime:

$$\sin \Theta = \Theta - \frac{1}{3!} \Theta^3 + \frac{1}{5!} \Theta^5 - \dots$$

neglect these

$$\ddot{\Theta} + \omega^2 \Theta = 0$$

$$\Theta(t=0) = \epsilon$$

$$\dot{\Theta}(t=0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(t) = \epsilon \cos(\omega t)$$

Motivated by the form (3)  
of the solution for  $|\theta| \ll 1$   
we pose an ansatz of  
the form

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) = \varepsilon \ddot{\theta}_1(t) + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\theta}_2(t) + \dots \quad (*)$$

EXERCISE: Include  $\theta_0(t)$   
& find that  $\theta_0(t) = 0$ .

Note: In nonlinear problems  
it is often helpful to  
expand nonlinear fct of  
the (small) argument first.

$$\ddot{\theta} + \omega^2 \left( \theta - \frac{1}{3!} \theta^3 + \frac{1}{5!} \theta^5 - \dots \right) = 0$$

$\sin(\theta)$

For brevity set  $\omega = 1$ .

(\*) into

$$\underbrace{\varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_3 + \dots}_{\ddot{\Theta}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &\varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_3 + \dots \\ &-\frac{1}{6} \left( \varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_3 + \dots \right)^3 \\ &+\frac{1}{120} \left( \varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \dots \right)^5 - \dots \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Sine}$$

Side calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \dots)^3 = \\ &\left( \varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_3 + \dots \right) \\ &\left( \varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_3 + \dots \right) \\ &\left( \varepsilon \ddot{\Theta}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_3 + \dots \right) = \\ &= \varepsilon^3 \ddot{\Theta}_1^3 + 3 \varepsilon^4 \ddot{\Theta}_1^2 \ddot{\Theta}_2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \epsilon \Theta_1 + \epsilon^2 \Theta_2 + \epsilon^3 \Theta_3 + \dots \\
 & + \epsilon \Theta_1 + \epsilon^2 \Theta_2 + \epsilon^3 \Theta_3 + \dots \\
 & - \frac{1}{6} (\epsilon \Theta_1 + 3 \epsilon^2 \Theta_1 \Theta_2 + \dots) \\
 & + \frac{1}{120} (\epsilon^5 \Theta_1^5 + \dots) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

IC:

$$\Theta(t=0) = \epsilon$$

$$\epsilon \Theta_1(t=0) + \epsilon^2 \Theta_2(t=0) + \epsilon^3 \Theta_3(t=0) + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \epsilon (\Theta_1(t=0) - 1) + \\
 & \epsilon^2 (\Theta_2(t=0)) + \\
 & \epsilon^3 (\Theta_3(t=0)) + \dots = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta(t=0) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \epsilon (\Theta_1(t=0)) + \\
 & \epsilon^2 (\Theta_2(t=0)) + \\
 & \epsilon^3 (\Theta_3(t=0)) + \dots = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Now collect powers of  $\varepsilon$  (6)

$\varepsilon^0$  ODE:

$$\varepsilon^0 \left( \ddot{\Phi}_1 + \Phi_1 \right) + \varepsilon^2 \left( \ddot{\Phi}_2 + \Phi_2 \right) + \varepsilon^3 \left( \ddot{\Phi}_3 + \Phi_3 - \frac{1}{6} \Phi_1^3 \right) + \dots = 0$$

$\varepsilon^0$

$$\ddot{\Phi}_1 + \Phi_1 = 0$$

$$\Phi_1(t=0) = 1$$

$$\dot{\Phi}_1(t=0) = 0$$

$$\Phi_1(t) = \cos(t)$$

$\varepsilon^2$

$$\ddot{\Phi}_2 + \Phi_2 = 0$$

$$\Phi_2(t=0) = 0$$

$$\dot{\Phi}_2(t=0) = 0$$

$$\Phi_2(t) = 0$$

$\varepsilon^3$

$$\ddot{\Phi}_3 + \Phi_3 = \frac{1}{6} \Phi_1^3$$

$$\Phi_3(t=0) = 0$$

$$\dot{\Phi}_3(t=0) = 0$$

Note: Sequence of linear problems!

$$\textcircled{F}_1(t) = \cos(t)$$

$$\textcircled{F}_2(t) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{F}_3 + \textcircled{H}_3 = \frac{1}{6} \cos^3(t)$$

$$\textcircled{F}_3(t=0) = 0$$

$$\dot{\textcircled{F}}_3(t=0) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{F}_3(t) = \frac{1}{192} (\cos(t) - \cos(3t)) +$$

$$\frac{1}{16} t \sin(t)$$

(EXERCISE)

$$\textcircled{F}(t; \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \cos(t) +$$

$$+ \varepsilon^3 \left( \frac{1}{192} (\cos(t) - \cos(3t)) +$$

$$\frac{1}{16} t \sin(t) \right) + \dots$$



## [Numerical] experiment: Finite-amplitude oscillation of an undamped pendulum

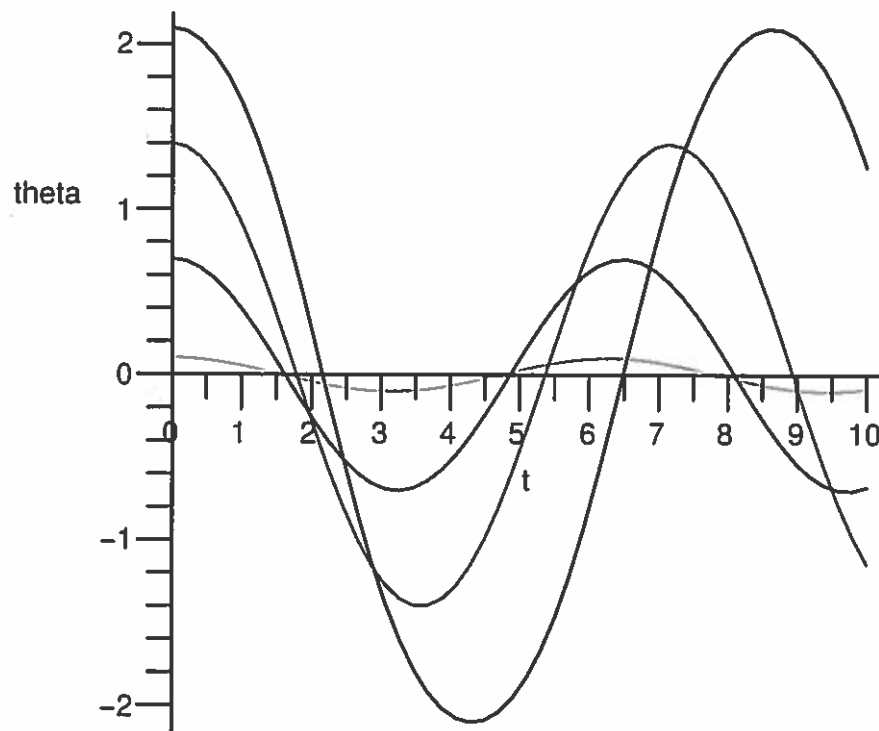
- Governing (non-linear!) ODE:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \sin \theta = 0$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$\theta(t=0) = \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\theta}(t=0) = 0.$$

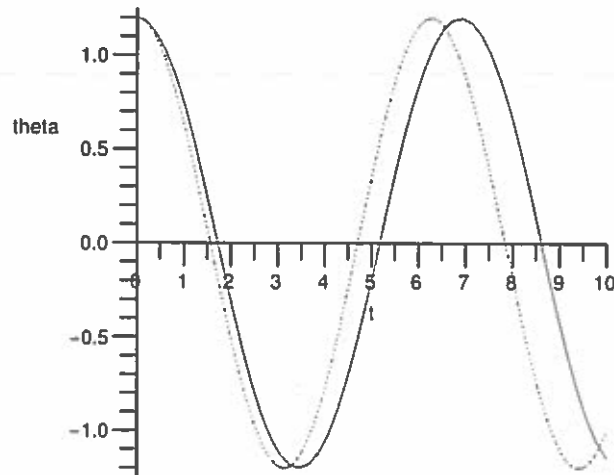
- Plot for  $\epsilon = 0.1, 0.7, 1.4, 2.1$ :



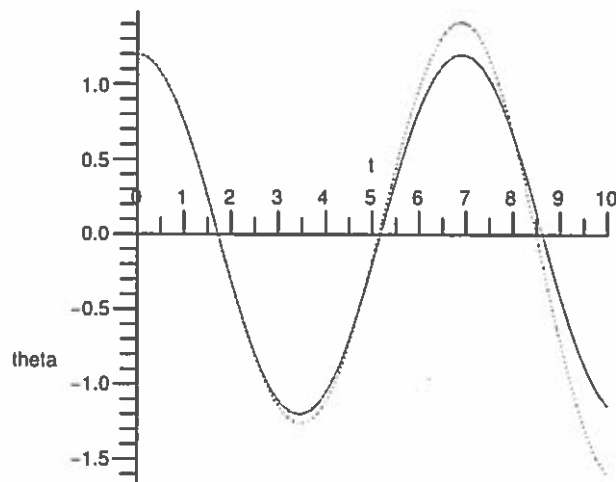
- **Observation:** Period of the oscillation increases for larger amplitudes.

## Comparison between perturbation solution and “exact” solution for $\epsilon = 1.2$

- One-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):

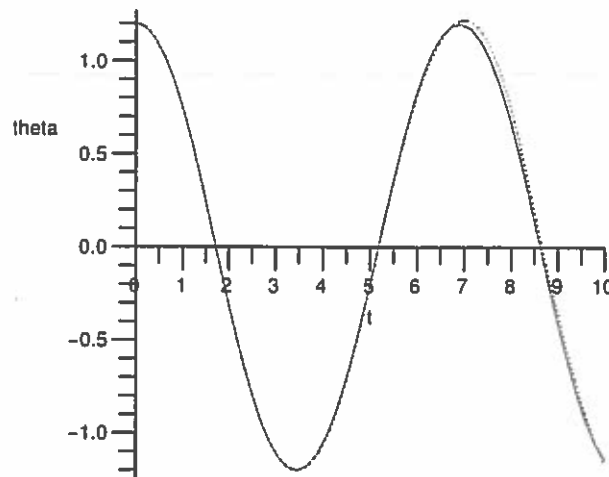


- Two-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):

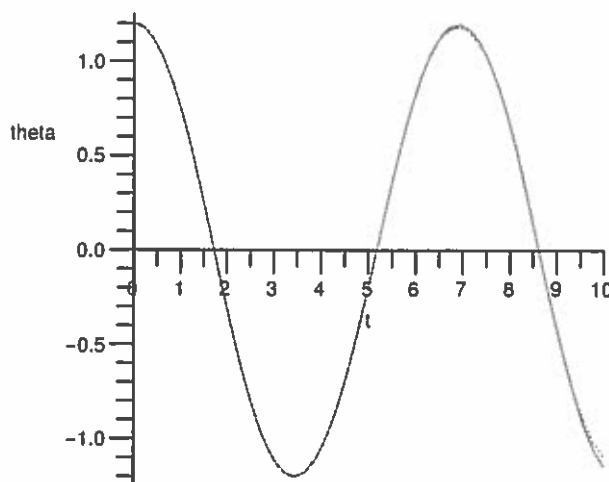


## Comparison between perturbation solution and “exact” solution for $\epsilon = 1.2$ (cont.)

- Three-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):

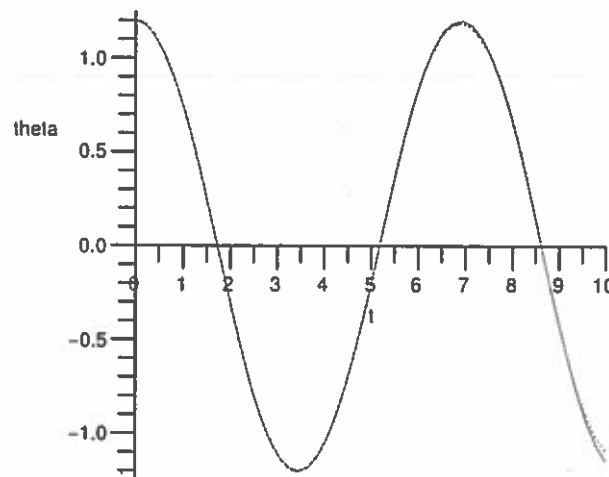


- Four-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):

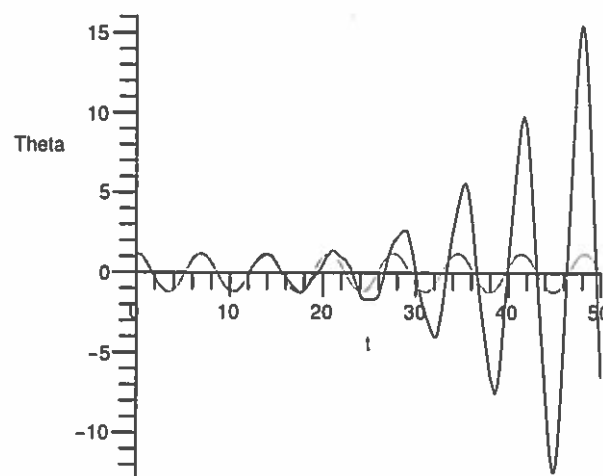


## Comparison between perturbation solution and “exact” solution for $\epsilon = 1.2$ (cont.)

- Four-term perturbation solution (red), exact solution (green):



- Agreement over a finite time-interval is very pleasing. However, over sufficiently large times, the perturbation solution diverges:



## “Multinomial expansions”

- One tedious task that one tends to face regularly when using perturbation methods is that of raising a power series in  $\epsilon$  to some integer power

$$S = (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^n, \quad (1)$$

and collecting the terms multiplied by the same power of  $\epsilon$ , i.e. re-writing  $S$  in the form

$$S = S_0(x_0) + \epsilon S_1(x_0, x_1) + \epsilon^2 S_2(x_0, x_1, x_2) + \dots \quad (2)$$

where the functions  $S_i(x_0, x_1, \dots)$  do not depend on  $\epsilon$ .

- Formally, the expansion of  $S$  may be obtained by using the “multinomial series” (a generalisation of the binomial series) as

$$(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k)^n = \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \\ n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n}} \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!} a_1^{n_1} a_2^{n_2} \dots a_k^{n_k}$$

see, e.g. <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/MultinomialSeries.html>

- However, we usually only need the first few terms in (2) for low-ish powers of  $n$ . Here they are:

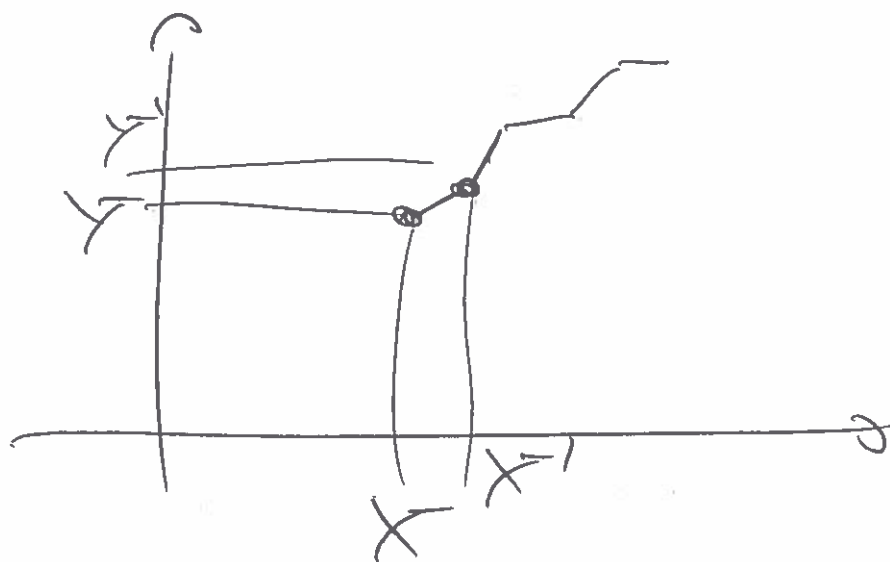
$$\begin{aligned} (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^2 &= (x_0^2) + \epsilon (2x_0 x_1) + \epsilon^2 (x_1^2 + 2x_0 x_2) + \dots \\ (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^3 &= (x_0^3) + \epsilon (3x_0^2 x_1) + \epsilon^2 (3x_0 x_1^2 + 3x_0^2 x_2) + \dots \\ (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^4 &= (x_0^4) + \epsilon (4x_0^3 x_1) + \epsilon^2 (4x_0^2 x_1^2 + 6x_0^2 x_2) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- **Exercise:** Convince yourself that you understand how these terms arise. **Hint:** Either use the multinomial series given above, or write  $S$  explicitly as a product of  $n$  power series [e.g. for  $n = 2$ :  $S = (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)$ ] and inspect which combination of terms gives rise to what powers of  $\epsilon$ .
- **Relax!** In an exam these expressions would be provided!



## “Bootstrapping”

The theorem only guarantees the existence and uniqueness in the “vicinity” of the initial condition. However, if you can show that the function  $f(x, y, y')$  and its derivatives are “well behaved” (in the sense of the theorem), for *any* values of  $x, y$  and  $y'$ , then the repeated application of the theorem guarantees the existence and uniqueness of the solution for *all* values of  $x$ .



but it's more subtle than that!

$$\ddot{x} + x = -\frac{1}{2} t \sin(t)$$

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> restart; read("ode.map");
                                1
>
>
#-----
# The ODE (second order correction for weakly damped
# mass spring damper system)
#-----
> ode:=diff(x(t),t$2)+x(t)=-1/2*t*sin(t);
                                ode:=  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} x(t) + x(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t \sin(t)$ 
>
#-----
# ...and its homogeneous counterpart
#-----
> ode_h:=diff(x(t),t$2)+x(t);
                                ode_h:=  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} x(t) + x(t)$ 
>
#-----
# Solve the bloody thing using maple
#-----
> dsolve(ode,x(t));
                                x(t) = sin(t) _C2 + cos(t) _C1 -  $\frac{1}{8} t (-\cos(t) t + \sin(t))$ 
>
>
#-----
# Now do it "by hand".
#-----
>
#-----
# Here's the straightforward ansatz: multiple of rhs
# is not a solution of the homogeneous ODE, but creates
# a new linearly independent function: cos(t).
#-----
> x_p:=A*t*sin(t);
                                x_p:= A t sin(t)
> eval(subs(x(t)=x_p,ode_h));
                                2 A cos(t)
> eval(subs(x(t)=x_p,ode));
                                2 A cos(t) = - $\frac{1}{2} t \sin(t)$ 
>
>

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#-----
# ... so we should add cos(t), but this won't work
# because it solves the homogeneous ODE, so multiply
# by t first and then add:
#-----
> x_p:=A*t*sin(t)+B*t*cos(t);
      x_p:= A t sin(t) + B t cos(t)
> eval(subs(x(t)=x_p,ode_h));
      2 A cos(t) - 2 B sin(t)
> eval(subs(x(t)=x_p,ode));
      2 A cos(t) - 2 B sin(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t sin(t)
>
>
>
#-----
# Of course, that now simply produces sin(t), which
# we ought to add to the ansatz. But it's a solution
# of the homogeneous ODE, so multiply by t and then
# add. But, hang on, that's what we started with.
# AAAARGH.
#
# Solution: Need to increase the power of t:
#-----
> x_p:=A*t*sin(t)+B*t^2*cos(t);
      x_p:= A t sin(t) + B t^2 cos(t)
> eval(subs(x(t)=x_p,ode_h));
      2 A cos(t) + 2 B cos(t) - 4 B t sin(t)
> eval(subs(x(t)=x_p,ode));
      2 A cos(t) + 2 B cos(t) - 4 B t sin(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t sin(t)
>
>
#-----
# ...and this works for B=1/8 and A=-B
#-----
> subs(A=-1/8,B=1/8,eval(subs(x(t)=x_p,ode)));
      -\frac{1}{2} t sin(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t sin(t)
>

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