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# On the Fixed Point Extension Results in the Differential Systems of Ordinary Differential Equations

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# ABSTRACT

In this work, a fixed point  $x(t), t \in [a,b], a \le b \le +\infty$  of differential system is said to be extendable to t = b if there exists another fixed point  $\overline{x}(t), t \in [a,c], c \ge b$  of the system (1.1) below and  $\overline{x}(t) = x(t), t \in [a,b]$  so that given the system

$$x' = f(t,x); f: J \times M \to R^n$$

We aim at using the established Peano's theorem on existence of the fixed point plus Picard-Lindelof theorem on uniqueness of same fixed point to extend the ordinary differential equations whose local existence is ensured by the above in a domain of open connected set producing the result that if D is a domain of  $R \times R_n$  so that  $F: D \to R_n$  is continuous and suppose that  $(t_0, x_0)$  is a point D where if the system has a fixed point x(t) defined on a finite interval (a,b) with  $t \in (a,b)$  and  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , then whenever f is bounded and D, the limits

$$x(a^{+}) = \lim_{t \to a^{+}} x(t)$$
$$x(b^{-}) = \lim_{t \to b} x(t)$$

exist as finite vectors and if the point  $(a, x(a^+)), (b, x(b^-))$  is in *D*, then the fixed point x(t) is extendable to the point t = a(t = b). Stronger results establishing this fact are in the last section of this work.

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Let (X, ||.||) be a real Banach space which is Frechet differentiable. If for any real operator F and  $x \in X = R_n$  with t arbitrary, there exists a unique x such that

$$F(x(t)) = x(t)$$

Satisfying the differential system

x' = f(t, x)

Address for correspondence: Okoroafor Chinenye E-mail: okereemm@yahoo.com For  $f: J \times M \to R^n$  continuous, J an interval R and M a subset of  $R_n$  then x(t) is called a fixed point for (1.1) below.

Consider the differential system,

$$x' = f(t, x) \tag{1.1}$$

Where,  $f: J \times M \rightarrow R_n$  is continuous, and J an interval R and M a subset of  $R_n$ , then presented below, are preliminary results on the fixed point of such ordinary differential system through Peano's and Picard's theorems, respectively, stated and also extensively used in the later section.

# Theorem 1.1 (The Peano Theorem on Existence Of Solutions)<sup>[12]</sup>

Let  $(t_0, x_0)$  be a given point in  $R \times R^n$ . Let  $J = \{t_0 - a, t_0\}, D = \{x \in R^n : |x - x_0| \le b\}$  where a, b are two positive constants. Assume the following:  $F: J \times D \rightarrow R^n$  is continuous with  $|F(t,u)| \le L, (t,u) \in J \times D$ , where *L* is a positive constant. Then, there exists a fixed point x(t) of (1.1) with the following property: x(t) is defined and satisfied (1.1) on

$$S = \left\{ t \in J : \left| t - t_0 \right| \le \alpha \right\}$$

with

$$\alpha = \min\left\{\alpha, \frac{b}{L}\right\}$$

Moreover,

$$x(t_0) = x_0$$

and

$$\left|x(t) - x_0\right| \le b$$

for all

$$t \in (t_0 - \alpha, t_0 + \alpha)$$

For proof see (1)

# Theorem 1.2 Picard's–Lindelof Theorem on Uniqueness

Consider system (1.1) under the assumptions of theorem (1.1). Let

$$F: J \times D \to R^n$$

satisfy  $|F(t, x_1) - F(t, x_0)| \le K |x_1 - x_0|$ for every  $(t, x_1)$ ,  $(t, x_2) \in J \times D$ , where K is a positive

constant, then there exists a unique solution x(t) satisfying the conclusion of theorem (1.1). The proof is in (1)

## Theorem 1.3<sup>[11,12]</sup>

Let *F*:  $(a \times b) \times D \rightarrow R^n$  be continuous, where  $D = \{u \in R^n; |u - x_0| \le r\}, x_0$  a fixed point of  $R^n$  and *r*, a positive constant.

Let  $\{|F(t,u) - F(t,u_0)| \le I(t)| u_1 - u_0|r\}| F(t,u) \le m(t)$  for every  $t \in (a, b), u, u_0, u_1 \in D$ , where  $I, m: [a, b] \to R_+$ 

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are continuous and integrable in the improper sense on (a,b) choose the number  $b \ni a_1 < b_1 < b$  so that

$$L = \int_{a^{+}}^{b_{1}} I(t) dt < 1, \int_{a^{+}}^{b_{1}} m(t) dt \le r$$

Then, the integrable equation has unique fixed point x(t) on the interval [a,b]. This fixed point satisfies  $x(a^+) = x_0$  and the system (1.1) on the interval (a,b).

# **EXTENSION**

This section presents the study of extendability or continuation of the fixed points whose local existence is ensured by theorem (1.1) and (1.2). In what follows, a domain is an open connected set and we have the following definition.<sup>[1-5]</sup>

#### Definition 2.1<sup>[1,6]</sup>

A fixed point x(t),  $t \in [a,b]$ ,  $a < b < +\infty$  of system (1.1) is said to be extendable (continuable) to t = b if there exists another fixed point  $\overline{x}(t)$ ,  $t \in [a,c]$ ,  $c \ge b$  of the system (1.1) such that  $\overline{x}(t) = x(t)$ ,  $t \in [a,b]$ .

A fixed point  $x(t), t \in [a,b]$ ,  $(a < b < +\infty)$  of system (1.1) is said to be extendable (continuable) to t = c,  $a < b < +\infty$  if it is extendable (continuable) to t = b and whenever we assume that x(t) is a fixed point on (a, d)for any  $d \in [b,c]$  we can show that x(t) is extendable (continuable) to t = d. Such a fixed point is extendable (continuable) t = c for any c > b. Extension to the left can be defined in a similar manner.

#### Theorem 2.1<sup>[1,8]</sup>

Suppose that, *D* is a domain of  $R \times R^n$  and  $F: D \to R^n$  is continuous. Let  $(t_0, x_0)$  be a point in *D* and assume that the system (1.1) has a fixed point x(t) defined on a finite interval (a,b) with  $t \in (a,b)$  and  $x(t_0) = x_0$ . Then, if *F* is bounded on *D*, the limits

$$x(a^{+}) = \lim_{t \to a^{+}} x(t)$$

$$x(b^{+}) = \lim_{t \to b^{+}} x(t)$$
(2.1)

exist as finite vectors. If a point  $(a, x (a^+), (b, x(b^-)))$  is in *D*, then x(t) is extendable to the point t = a(t = b). **Proof:** To show that the first limit (2.1) exists, we first note that

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_{x_0}^{x} F(s, x(s)) ds, \ t \in (a, b)$$
 (2.2)

Now, let  $|F(t,x)| < L_{,}(t,x) \in D$  where *L* is positive constant. Then, if  $t_{1,}t_{2} \in (c, b)$  we obtain

$$|x(t_1) - x(t_2)| \le x_0 + \int_{t_2}^{t_1} |F(s, x(s))| ds \le L|t_1 - t_2|$$

Thus,  $x(t_1) - x(t_2)$  converges to zero as  $t_1, t_2$  converges to the point t = a from the right. Applying the continuity condition for functions, we obtain our assertion. Similarly, the second limit follows same argument let us assume now that the point  $(b, x(b^-))$ belongs to D and consider the function

$$\overline{x}(t) = \begin{cases} x(t), t \in (a,b) \\ x(b^{-}), t = b \end{cases}$$

This function is a fixed point of (1.1) on (a,b). In fact (2.2) implies

$$\overline{x}(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^{c} \left| F(s, x(s)) \right| ds, t \in (a, b)$$

This, in turn, implies the existence of the left hand derivative  $\overline{x}(b)$  of  $\overline{x}(t)$  as t = b. Thus, we have

$$\overline{x}'(b) = F(b, \overline{x}(b))$$

Which completes the proof for t = b. A similar argument holds for t = a.

#### Theorem 2.2

Let  $F: [a,b] \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuous and such that

$$||F(t,x)|| \leq L$$

for all  $(t,x) \in (a,b) \times \mathbb{R}^n$  where *L* is a positive constant, then every fixed point x(t) of (1.1) is extendable to the point t = b.

**Proof:** Let x(t) be a fixed point of (1.1) passing through the point  $(t_0,x_0) \in [a,b] \times R^n$ . Assume that x(t) is defined on the interval  $(t_0,c)$  where *c* is the same point with  $c \leq b$ . Then, as in the proof of theorem 2.1 above  $x(c^-)$  exists and x(t) is extendable to the point t = c. If c = b, the proof is complete.

If c < b, then Peano theorem applied on  $(c,b) \times D$ with *D* a sufficiently large closed ball with center at  $x(c^{-})$  ensures the existence of a solution such that  $\overline{x}(t), t \in (c,b)$  such that  $\overline{x}(c) = x(c^{-})$ . Thus, the function.

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} x(t), t \in [t_0, c] \\ x(t), t \in (a, b) \end{cases}$$

is the required extension of x(t).

**Remark 2.1:** It should be noted that the point (a,x(a')) is not in *D*, but F(c,x(a')) can be defined so that *F* is continuous at (a,x(a')), then x(t) is extendable to (a,x(a')). A similar situation exists at  $(b,x(b^{-}))$ . The following extension theorem is needed for the proof of theorem 2.3

**Remark 2.2:** The next theorem assures the boundedness of every fixed point through a certain point in a certain sense and hence implies extendability.

#### Theorem 2.3

Let *F*:  $[a,b] \times M \to R^n$  be continuous, where *M* is closed ball  $S = \{u \in R: |u| \le r\}, r > 0(or R')$ . Assume that,  $(t_0, x_0) \in [a,b] \times M$  is given and that every fixed point x(t) of (1.1) passing through  $(t_0, x_0)$  satisfies  $|x(t)| < \lambda$  as long as it exists to the right of  $t_0$ . Here,  $0 < \lambda < r$  (or  $0 < \lambda < \infty$ ). Then, every fixed point x(t) of (1.1) with  $x(t_0) = x_0$  is extendable to the point t = b.

### Proof

We give the proof for M = S if M = R the same proof holds and it is even easier. Let x(t) be a fixed point of (1.1) with  $x(t_0) = x_0$  and assume that x(t) is defined on  $(t_0, c)$  with c < b. Since *F* is continuous on  $[a,b] \times S_{\lambda}$  where

$$S = \left\{ u \in R^n : u \le \lambda \right\}$$

There exists L > 0 such that  $|| F(t,x) || \le L$  for all  $(t,x) \in [a,b] \times S$ .

Now, consider the function

$$F(t,x) = \begin{cases} F(t,x), (t,x) \in [a,b] \times S_{\lambda} \\ \frac{\lambda}{\|x\|} F\left(t, \frac{\lambda x}{\|x\|}\right), \ t \in [a,b] \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that *F* is continuous and such that  $||F(t,x)|| \le L[a,b] \times R^n$ . Consequently, theorem 2.2 above implies that fixed point of the system

$$x' = f(t, x) \tag{2.3}$$

is extendable to t = b. Naturally, x(t) is a fixed point defined on (t,c) because  $F_{\lambda} = F$  for  $||x|| \le \lambda$ .

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Therefore, there exists fixed point x(t),  $t \in (t_0, b)$  of (2.1) such that x(t) = x(t),  $t \in [t_0, c)$ . Assume that, there exists  $t \in [c, b]$  such that  $|| x(t) || = \lambda$  then for some  $t \in [c, t]$ ,  $|| x(t) || = \lambda$  for all  $t \in [t_0, t_2]$ . Obviously x(t) satisfies that system (1.1) on  $[t_0, t_2]$ . This is a contradiction to our assumption. Thus,  $|| x(t) || < \lambda$ for all  $t \in [t_0, b]$  which implies that x(t) is extendable to the point t = b.

# MAIN RESULTS

Here, we discuss the existence of fixed points on  $R_+$  by the approach of extension of fixed points R to  $R_+$ . This we achieve more easily by the following results below. <sup>[7, 9, 10]</sup>

### Lemma 3.1

Let  $x(t), t \in [t_0, t_1], 0 \le t_0 \le t_1 \le +\infty$  be a fixed point of the system (3.1). Then, x(t) is extendable to the point  $t = t_1$  if and only if it is bounded on  $[t_0, t_1]$ .

# **Definition 3.1**

Let x(t),  $t \in (t_0,T)$ ,  $0 \le t_0 \le T +\infty$  be a fixed point of the system (3.1). Then, x(t) is said to be nonextendable (non continuable) to the right if *T* equals  $+\infty$ . or if x(t) cannot be extended (continued) to the point *T*.

#### Theorem 3.1

Let x(t),  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ ,  $t_1 > t_0 \ge 0$  be an extendable to the right fixed point of the system (3.1) then there exists a non-extendable to the right solution of (3.1) which extends x(t) that is a solution y(t),  $y \in (t_0, t_1)$  such that  $t_0 > t_1 y(t) = x(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$  and y(t) is non-extendable to the right. Here,  $t_0$  may equal  $+\infty$ .

#### Proof

It suffices to assume that  $t_0 > 0$ . Let  $Q = (0,\infty) \times R^n$ and for m = 1,2,..., let  $Q_m = \left\{ (t,u) \in Q : t^2 + (u)^2 \le m, t \ge \frac{1}{m} \right\}$ . Then,  $Q_m$  $\subset Q_{m+1}$  and  $\cup Q_m = Q$ .

Furthermore, each  $Q_m$  is a compact subset of Q. By lemma (3.1), a solution  $y(t), t \in (t,T)$  is noncontinuable or non-extendable to the right. If its

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graph  $[t,y(t)]: t \in (t,T)$  intersects all the sets  $Q_m$ . We are going to construct such a fixed point y(t) which extends x(t). Since x(t) is extendable to the right, we may consider it defined and continues in the interval  $[t_0,t_1]$ . Now, since the graph  $Q = (t, x(t)), t \in [t_0,t_1]$  is compact, there exists an integer  $m_1$  such that  $G \in Q_m$ . If the number  $\alpha > 0$  is sufficiently small, then for every  $(\alpha, u) \in Q_m$  the set

$$M_{\alpha,u} = \left\{ (t,x) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : t - \alpha \le \alpha - u \le \alpha \right\}$$

is contained in the set  $Q_{m+1}$ . Let  $[(t,x) \le k]$  on the set  $Q_{m+1}$  where k is a positive constant. By Peano's theorem, for every point  $\{(t,u) \in Q_m\}$ , there exists a fixed point x(t) of the system (3.1) such that x(t) = udefined on the interval  $\alpha, \alpha + \beta$  with  $\beta = \alpha, \alpha k^{-1}$ . This number  $\beta$  does not depend on the particular point  $(\alpha, u) \in Q$ . Consequently, since point (t, x(t)) $\in Q_m$ , there exists a fixed point x(t) of (3.1) which continues x(t) to the point  $t_0 + \alpha\beta$ . Repeating this process, we shall essentially have a fixed point x(t)( $\alpha$  a positive integer) of the system (3.1) which continues x(t) to the point  $t_0 + \alpha\beta$  and has a graph in the set  $Q_{m+1}$  but not entirely inside the set  $Q_m$ . In this set  $Q_{m+1}$ , we repeat the extension process as in the set  $Q_m$ . Thus, we eventually obtain a fixed point y(t) which intersects all the sets  $Q_m, m \ge m_1$ for some  $m_i$  and in a non-continuable extension of the fixed point x(t).

#### Theorem 3.2

Let  $x(t), t \in (t_0, T), (0 \le t_0 \le T \le +\infty)$  be a non-extendable to the right fixed point of (1.1). Then,

$$\lim_{t\to T^-} \|x(t)\| = +\infty$$

#### Proof

Assume that, our assertion is false. Then, there exists an increasing sequence  $\{t_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $t_0 \leq t_m < T$ ,  $\lim_{m \to \infty} t_m = T$  and  $\lim_{m \to \infty} x'(t_m) < +\infty$ . Since  $\{x(t_m)\}, m = 1, 2, ..., \text{ is bounded, there exists}$  a subsequence  $\{x'(t_m)\}$  such that  $x(t_m) \to y$  as  $m \to \infty$  with ||y|| = L and  $t'_m$  increasing. Let M be a compact subset of  $R_+ \times R^n$  such that the point  $(T_x, y)$  is an interior point of M. Then, we may show that for infinitely many m, there exists  $\overline{t}_m$  such that

$$t'_m < T_m < t_{m+1}, (t_m, x(t_m)) \in M$$

Where, *M* denotes the boundary of *M*. In fact, if this was not the case, then there would be  $\varepsilon \in (0,T)$ such that (t,x(t)) belongs to the interior of *M* for all *x* with  $T - \varepsilon < t < T$ . However, then, lemma (3.1) above implies the extendability of x(t) beyond *T*, which is a contradiction. Let theorem (3.1) above holds for a subsequence  $\{m^{\gamma}\}$  of the positive integer that is

$$t_{m}' < \overline{t}_{m} < t_{m+1}'; (\overline{t}_{m}', x(\overline{t}_{m}) \in \delta_{m}$$

Then, we have

$$\lim_{m\to\infty} \left(\overline{t}_m, x\left(\overline{t}_m\right)\right) = (T, y)$$

This is a consequence of the fact that  $\overline{t_m} \to T$  as  $m \to \infty$  and the inequality  $||x(t_m) - x(\overline{t_m})|| \le \mu ||\overline{t_m} - t_m||$  where  $\mu$  is a bound for *F* or *M*. However,  $\delta_m$  is a closed set. Thus, the point  $(T,y) \in M$  is a contradiction to our assumption and this completes the proof.

#### Theorem 3.3

Let  $V: R_+ \times R^n \to R$  be a Lyapunov function satisfying

$$V(t,u) \le (t,u), (t,u) \in R_+ \times R^n$$
(3.1)

$$V(t,u) \rightarrow +\infty$$

and  $V(t,u) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $u \rightarrow R$ 

Uniformly with respect to *t* lying in any compact set. Here, *Y*:  $R_+ \times R$  is continuous and such that for every  $(t_0, u_0) \in R_+ \times R$ , the problem

$$U = Y(t, u) + \varepsilon, u(t_0) = u_0 + \varepsilon$$
(3.2)

Has a maximal fixed point defined on  $(t_0, +\infty)$ . Then, every fixed point of (1.1) is extendable to  $+\infty$ .

#### Proof

Let  $(t_0,T)$  be the maximal interval of existence of fixed point of (1.1) and assume that  $T < +\infty$ . Let y(t) be the maximal fixed point (3.1) with  $y(t_0) = V(t_0,x(t_0))$ . Then, since

$$Du(t) \le Y(t, v(t)), t \in (t_0, t_1 + \alpha) \setminus$$
  
S: saccountable set (3.3)

We have

$$V(t,x(t)) \leq Y(t), t \in [t_0,T)$$

On the other hand, since x(t) is non-extendable to the right fixed point, we have

$$\lim_{t \to r} \|x(t)\| = +\infty$$

This implies that Vt converges to  $+\infty$  as  $t \to T$ , but (3.3) implies that

$$\limsup V(t, x(r)) \le Y(T)$$

As  $t \to T$ . Thus,  $T = +\infty$ 

#### **Corollary 3.1**

Assume that, there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$||F(t,u)|| \le Y \in R, ||u|| > \alpha$$

Where, *Y*:  $R_+ \times R_+ \rightarrow R_+$  is such that for every  $(t_0, u_0) \in R_+$  the problem (4) has a maximal fixed point defined on  $(t_0, \infty)$ . Then, every solution of (1.1) is extendable to  $+\infty$ 

#### Proof

Here, it suffices to take V(t,u) = u and obtain

$$V_{\varepsilon}(t, x(t)) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{x(t) + hF(t, x(t)) - x(t)}{h}$$
$$\leq ||F(t, x(t))|| \leq Y(t, V(t, x(t)))$$

Provided that  $||x(t)|| > \alpha$ . Now, let  $x(t), t \in (t_0, T)$ be a fixed point non-continuable to the right fixed point such that  $R < +\infty$ . Then, for t sufficiently close to T from left, we have  $||x(t)|| > \alpha$ . However, if Y:  $R_+ \times R \to R$  be continuous and  $(t_0, u_0) \in R_+$  $\times R_{\alpha} \in (0, +\infty)$  be the maximal fixed point of (4) in the interval  $(t_0, t_1 + \alpha)$ , let  $V:(t_0, t_1 + \alpha) \to R$  be continuous and such that  $u(t_0) \le u_0$ 

$$Du(t) \leq Y(t,v(t)), t \in (t_0,t_1+\alpha) \setminus S$$

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And *S* is a countable set then

$$u(t) \leq s(t), t \in (t_0, t_1 + \alpha)$$

This implies that every fixed point x(t) of (1.1) is extendable and hence the proof.

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