

Questions on Review #5 WKS?

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## Review #6: Slope Fields and Differential Equations

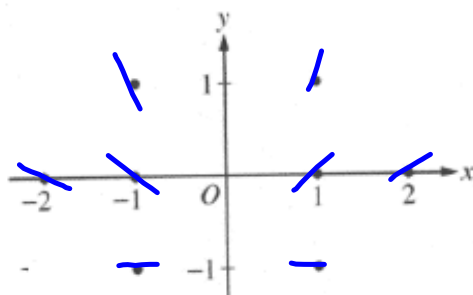
Slope fields: **A field of slopes.**

Being able to use differential equations to find the slope at any  $(x,y)$  point, we can draw a small piece of linearization at that point, which (b/c of local linearity) approximates the solution curve that passes through that point.

### EXAMPLE

Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+y}{x}$ , where  $x \neq 0$ .

- (a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the eight points indicated.  
(Note: Use the axes provided in the pink exam booklet.)



Differential equations:

An equation involving a derivative. The order of a differential equation is the order of the highest derivative involved in the equation.

\* A differential equation has general solutions and particular solutions, when given an initial condition.

Solving a differential equation:

1- Separate variables

y &amp; dy on (L)

x &amp; dx, coeff. on (R)

• NEVER have dy or dx in denominator

2- Integrate both sides.

3- +C on x-side

4- Solve for C using initial condition.

5- Solve for y.

6- If necessary, use initial conditions to choose the correct equation.

## EXAMPLES

Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-1}{x^2}$ , where  $x \neq 0$ . Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation with the initial condition  $f(2) = 0$ .

$$\frac{x^2 dy}{(y-1)x^2} = \frac{(y-1)dx}{(y-1)x^2}$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y-1} = \int \frac{dx}{x^2} \rightarrow \int x^{-2} dx$$

$$2^4 \cdot 2^3 = 2^{3+4}$$

$$\ln|y-1| = \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} + C$$

$$e^{\ln|y-1|} = e^{-\frac{1}{x} + C}$$

$$|y-1| = e^{-1/x} \cdot e^C$$

$$y-1 = k e^{-1/x}$$

$k = \pm e^C$   
(takes care of  $|y-1|$ )

$$(2,0) \quad 0-1 = k e^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{-1}{e^{-1/2}} = \frac{k e^{-1/2}}{e^{-1/2}}$$

$$\underline{-e^{1/2} = k} \quad (\text{our } C)$$

$$y-1 = -e^{1/2} \cdot e^{-1/x}$$

$$\boxed{y = 1 - e^{(1/2 - 1/x)}}$$

Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(2x + 2)$ . Find  $y = f(x)$ , the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition  $f(0) = -1$ .

Applications: Population equations:

A population is modeled by a function  $P$  that satisfies the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{P}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{P}{12} \right)$$

a) If  $P(0) = 3$ , what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ ? If  $P(0) = 20$ , what is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$ ?

b) If  $P(0) = 3$ , for what value of  $P$  is the population growing the fastest?