

Figure 1: Solution curves to y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0. Red solves y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -1, Blue solves y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 3, Yellow solves y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0, and Green solves y(0) = 0, y'(0) = -3. With second order equations, solution curves may indeed cross (multiple times) in the direction field.