

Last time:

- Vocab: ODE, PDE, IVP
- Skills: Be able to verify that  $\phi(t)$  is a solution to a DE.
- Given the general solution to  $y' = ay + b$  (it is  $y = Pe^{at} - \frac{b}{a}$ )
- Three models: Free fall, Mice/Owls, Newton's Law of Cooling.

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TODAY: Visualizing solutions, solving a linear equation.

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$$y' = ay + b \quad y(t) = P_0 e^{at} - \frac{b}{a}$$

Cases:

- If  $P_0 = 0$ , then  $y(t)$  is constant ( $y = -b/a$ ).

*Definition:* An **equilibrium solution** is a constant solution  $y = k$  so that  $y' = 0$ .

- Otherwise:
  - ▶ If  $a > 0$ , then the solutions will all “blow up” ( $|y(t)| \rightarrow \infty$ ) except one solution.
  - ▶ If  $a < 0$ , then all solutions tend toward equilibrium.



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In drawing a picture, we might consider curves of constant slope. For example, with zero slope:

$$0 = t - y^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y^2 = t$$

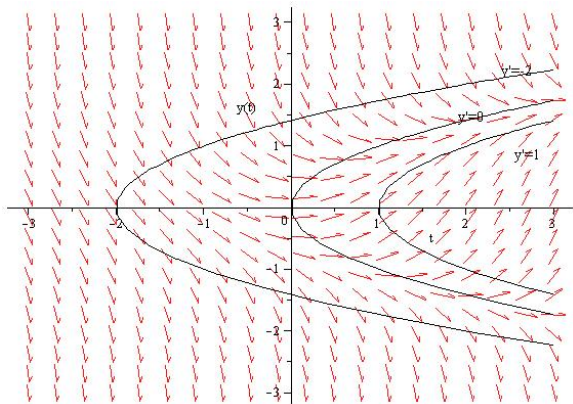
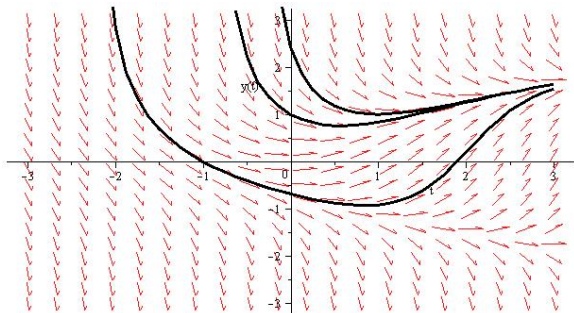
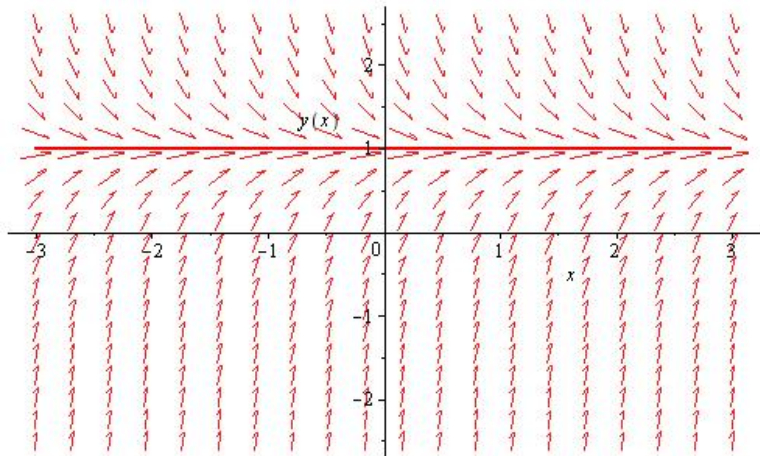


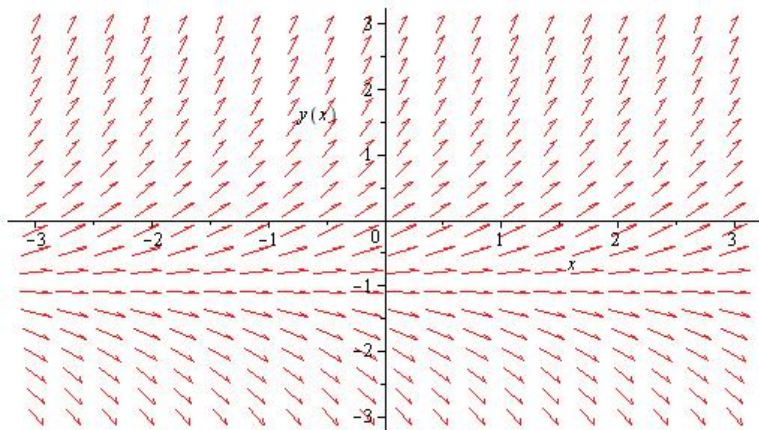
Figure: Direction Field with Isoclines:  $y' = -2, y' = 0, y' = 1$



Give an ODE of the form  $y' = ay + b$  whose direction field looks like:



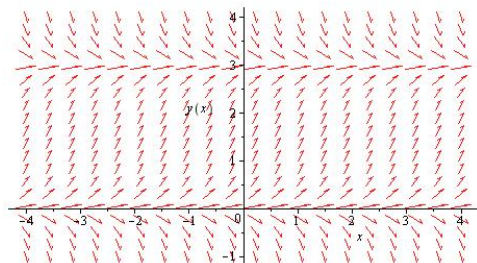
Same question as before:





# Choose a DE

- 1  $y' = 3 - y$
- 2  $y' = y(y + 3)$
- 3  $y' = y(3 - y)$
- 4  $y' = 2y - 1$



Homework Hint: #22, Section 1.1

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \quad A = 4\pi r^2$$

so if  $V' = kA$ , give  $V'$  in terms of  $V$  only.

## Homework Hint: #14, Section 1.3

Differentiate the following with respect to  $t$ :

$$f(t) \int_0^t G(s) ds$$

SOLUTION:

$$f'(t) \int_0^t G(s) ds + f(t)G(t)$$

## Section 2.1: Linear DEs

Definition: Linear first order is

$$y' + a(x)y = f(x) \qquad y' + a(t)y = f(t)$$

Solution is by first computing an “integrating factor”.  
We’ll do this on the board.