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Definition: A direction field is a plot in the (t, y) plane that give the local tangent lines to the solution to a first order ODE.

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

and so on...

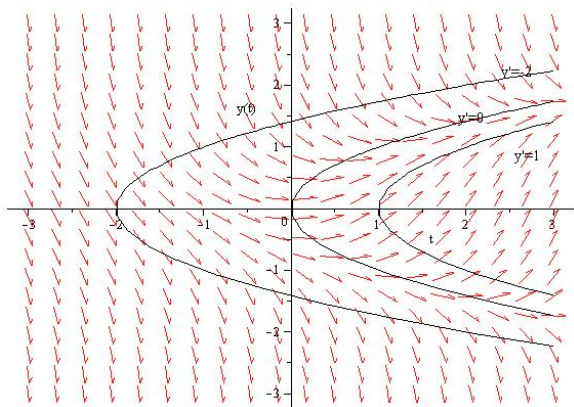
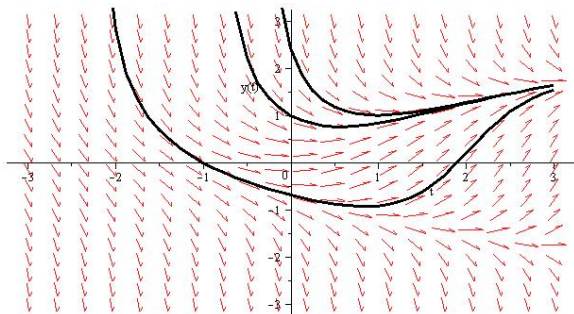


Figure: Direction Field with Isoclines: $y' = -2, y' = 0, y' = 1$

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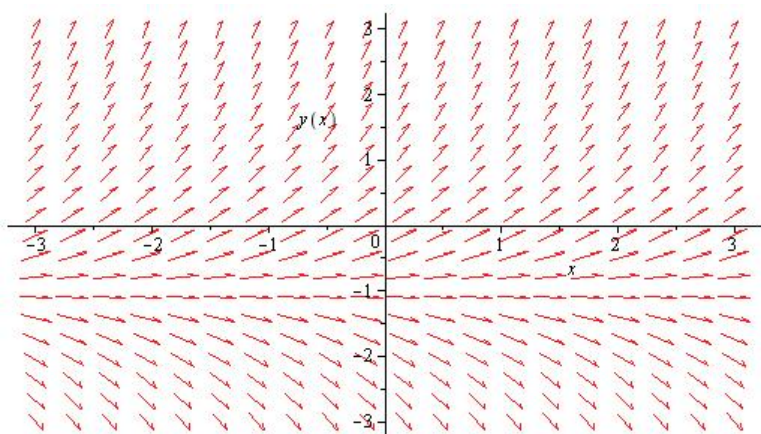
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Same question as before:



Choose a DE

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

