

## MAT132

Directions fields and Euler's method

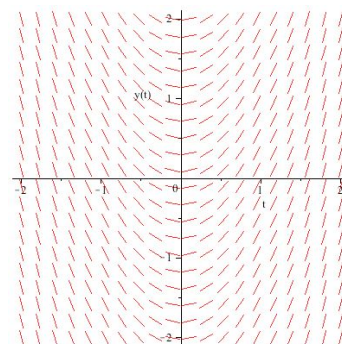
## Problem

- Consider the differential equation  $y'=2x$
- Suppose that  $y=y(x)$  is a solution.
- What can be say about the slope of the tangent to curve  $\{(x,y(x))\}$  for different values of  $x$ ?

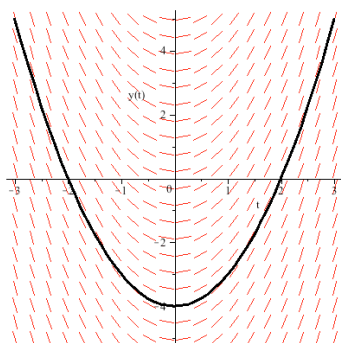
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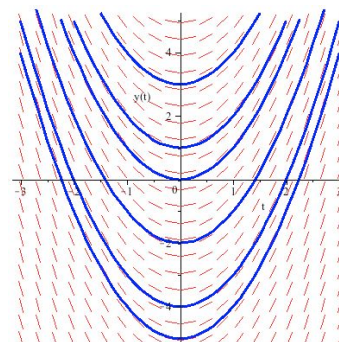
## Direction field for $y'=2x$



## Solution of $y'=2x, y(0)=-4$



## Some solutions of $y'=2x$

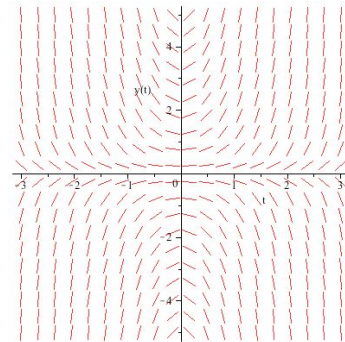


- Does this equation have equilibrium solutions?

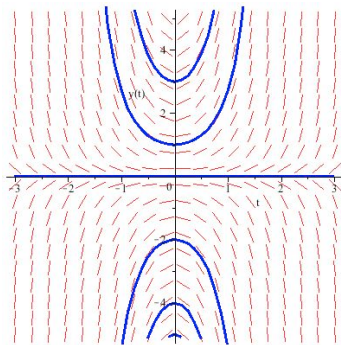
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- Consider the differential equation  $y'=2.x.y$
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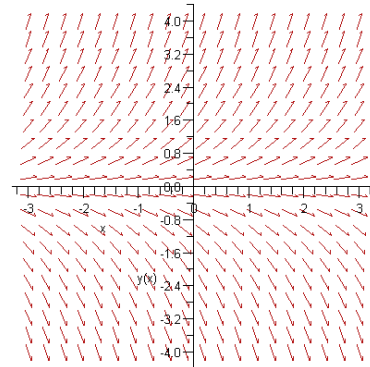
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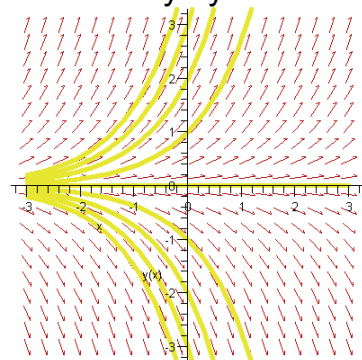
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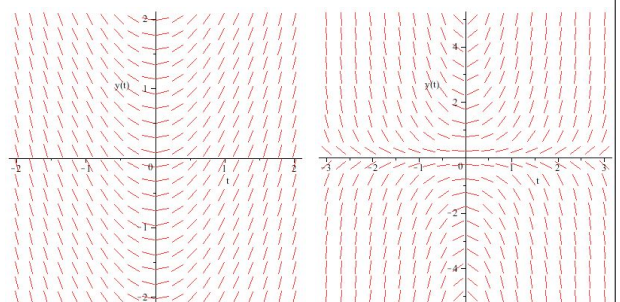
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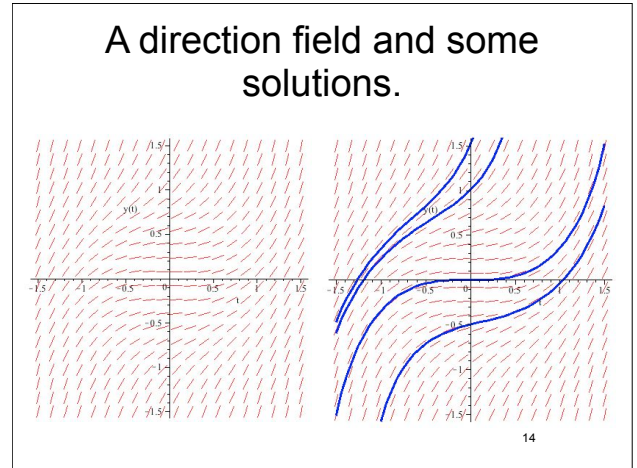
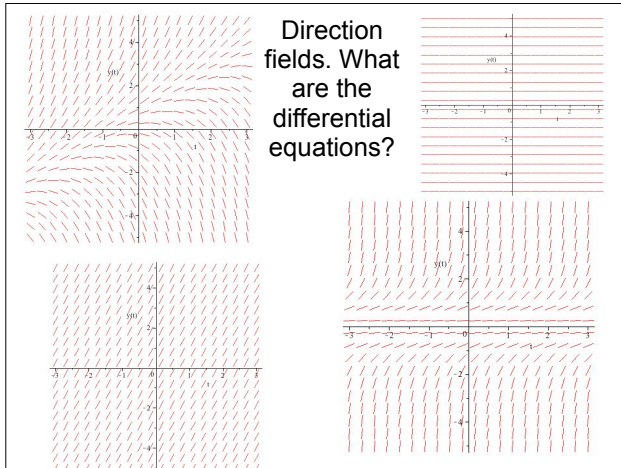


### Direction field and some solutions of $y'=y$



### Direction fields for $y'=2x$ and $y'=2xy$





## Euler's method

Leonhard Euler 1707 - 1783

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**Euler method**  
 Goal: Find an approximate numerical solution of  $y' = 2x \cdot y$ ,  $y(1) = 2$  at a point close to 1.

*Recall: The tangent line is a good approximation to a curve on a small interval.*

The equation of the line through  $(x_0, y_0)$  with slope  $m$  is  $y = y_0 + m(x - x_0)$

**First step**

- We begin by approximating solution  $y = y(x)$  when  $x$  is close to 1.
- The solution  $(x, y(x))$  passes through the point  $(1, 2)$ .
- The value of  $y'$  at  $(1, 2)$  is  $2 \cdot x_0 \cdot y_0 = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = 4$ .
- The tangent line to the solution at the initial point  $(1, 2)$  is  $y = 2 + 4(x - 1)$
- Thus if  $x_1$  is close enough to 0, we can approximate  $y(x_1)$  by the line  $y_0 + m(x_1 - x_0) = 2 + 4(x_1 - 1)$

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**Euler's method**  
 Given  $y' = F(x, y)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$ ,  $h$

$y_0 = y(x_0)$  initial condition

$h$  stepsize

$x_i = x_0 + i \cdot h$

$y_1 = y_0 + hF(x_0, y_0)$

$y_2 = y_1 + hF(x_1, y_1)$

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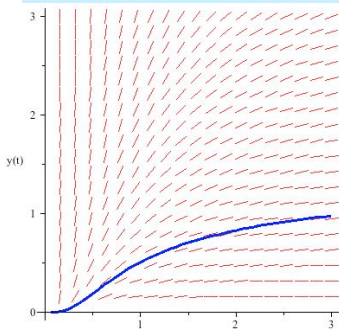
$y_n = y_{n-1} + hF(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$

Given  $(x_i, y_i)$ , and step size  $h$ , compute the "next" point  $(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})$ ,

### Euler's method

Given  $y'=F(x,y)$ ,  $y(x_0)=y_0$ ,  $h$  and  $n$ .

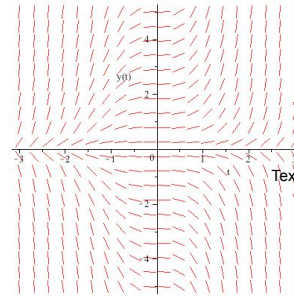
Estimate  $y(x_n)$



Example: Use Euler's method to estimate  $y(2)$  where  $y(x)$  is the solution of the initial value problem  $y'=y/x^2$ ,  $y(1)=0.5$

1. with step size 1
2. with step size 0.5.
3. with step size 0.2

What is the step size given the best estimation?



Euler's method:  
Consider the equation  $y'=xy^2$ ,  $y(0)=1$ .

Use Euler's method with step size 0.2 to estimate  $y(0.6)$

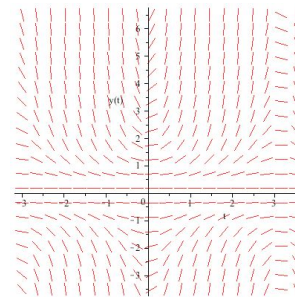
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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)/g(y)$$

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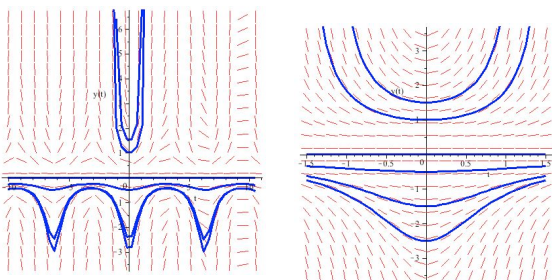
Separable equations

EXAMPLE: Find the solutions of  $y'=\sin(x).y^2$



What are the equilibrium solutions of  $y'=\sin(x).y^2$

Two different "windows" and some solutions of  $y'=\sin(x).y^2$



Consider the equation  $y'=\sin(x).y^2$

- write  $f(x)=\sin(x)$ ,  $g(y)=y^2$
- Then  $dy/dx = f(x).g(y)$
- $\int(1/g(y))dy = \int f(x)dx$

A separable differential equation is a differential equation that can be written as  $y'= f(x).g(y)$

Examples of separable differential equations

$$y'=(x+e^x)\cos(y)$$

$$y'=\sin(x).y^2$$

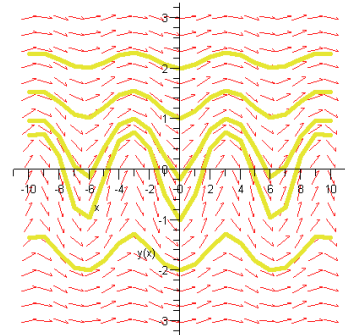
Examples of non separable differential equations

$$y'=(x+e^y)\cos(x.y)$$

$$y'=\sin(x+y).y^2$$

EXAMPLE: Find the solutions of  $y' = \sin(x)/(1 + \sin(y) + y^2)$

Direction field of  $y' = \sin(x)/(1 + \sin(y) + y^2)$



### Remark

- The solutions of the equation  $y' = \sin(x)/(1 + \sin(y) + y^2)$  are all the functions  $y = y(x)$  which satisfy the equation  $y - \cos(y) + y^3/3 = -\cos(x) + C$  but we it is not possible to give an explicit formula for  $y$ .

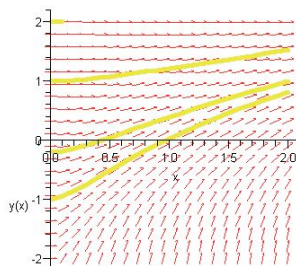
Example: Solve the differential equations

$$2. \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{e^y}$$

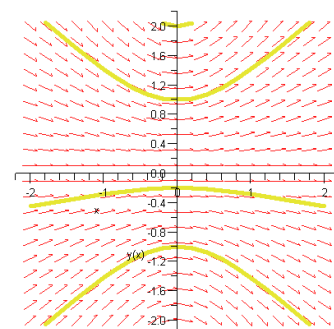
$$3. \quad (x^2 + 1)y' = xy$$

$$6. \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{e^y \sin^2(t)}{y \sec(t)}$$

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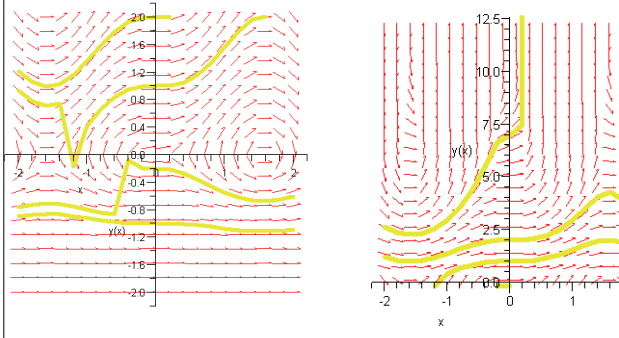


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**EXAMPLE:** Find an equation of the curve that satisfies  $dy/dx = 4x^3y$  and whose  $y$  intercept is 7.

