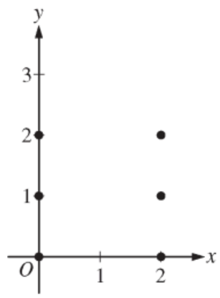
Working from the following 4 AP Calculus AB questions with Solutions

2016 AP® CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x-1}$.

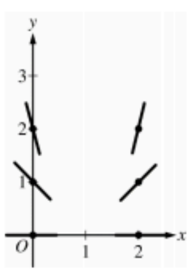
(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the six points indicated.



(b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 2$. Use your equation to approximate $f(2.1)$.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$.

(a)



$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{zero slopes} \\ 1 : \text{nonzero slopes} \end{cases}$

(b) $\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{(x,\, y)=(2,\, 3)} = \frac{3^2}{2-1} = 9$

An equation for the tangent line is $y = 9(x-2) + 3$.

$f(2.1) \approx 9(2.1 - 2) + 3 = 3.9$

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{tangent line equation} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$

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

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

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

$-\frac{1}{3} = \ln|2-1| + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{3}$

$-\frac{1}{y} = \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{3}$

$y = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} - \ln(x-1)}$

Note: This solution is valid for $1 < x < 1 + e^{1/3}$.

$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 2 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration and uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$

Note: max $3/5$ [1-2-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: $0/5$ if no separation of variables

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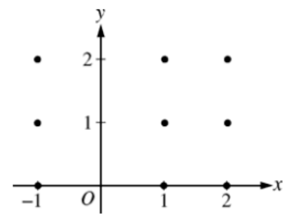
Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-1}{x^2}$, where $x \neq 0$.

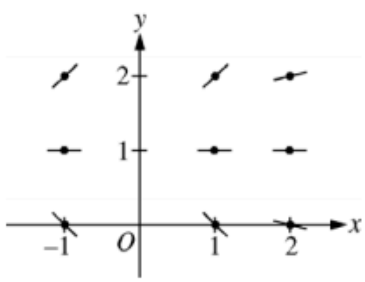
(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



(b) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 0$.

(c) For the particular solution $y = f(x)$ described in part (b), find $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x)$.

(a)



$2: \begin{cases} 1: \text{zero slopes} \\ 1: \text{all other slopes} \end{cases}$

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

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

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

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

$y - 1 = ke^{-\frac{1}{x}}$, where $k = \pm e^C$

$-1 = ke^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

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

$f(x) = 1 - e^{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x}\right)}$, $x > 0$

$6: \begin{cases} 1: \text{separates variables} \\ 2: \text{antidifferentiates} \\ 1: \text{includes constant of integration} \\ 1: \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1: \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$

Note: max $3/6$ [1-2-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: $0/6$ if no separation of variables

(c) $\lim_{x\to\infty} 1 - e^{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x}\right)} = 1 - \sqrt{e}$

1 : limit

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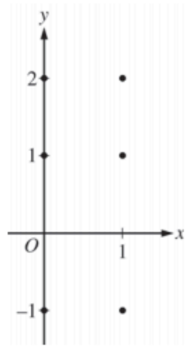
4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - y$.

   (a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the six points indicated.

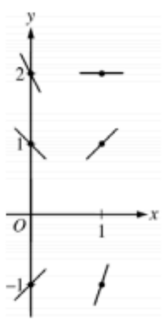


   (b) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y. Determine the concavity of all solution curves for the given differential equation in Quadrant II. Give a reason for your answer.

   (c) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$. Does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 2$? Justify your answer.

   (d) Find the values of the constants m and b for which $y = mx + b$ is a solution to the differential equation.

(a)



$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{slopes where } x = 0 \\ 1 : \text{slopes where } x = 1 \end{cases}$

(b) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 - \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - (2x - y) = 2 - 2x + y$

In Quadrant II, $x < 0$ and $y > 0$, so $2 - 2x + y > 0$.
Therefore, all solution curves are concave up in Quadrant II.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ 1 : \text{concave up with reason} \end{cases}$

(c) $\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{(x,\,y)=(2,\,3)} = 2(2) - 3 = 1 \neq 0$

Therefore, f has neither a relative minimum nor a relative maximum at $x = 2$.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } \left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{(x,\,y)=(2,\,3)} \\ 1 : \text{conclusion with justification} \end{cases}$

(d) $y = mx + b \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(mx + b) = m$

$2x - y = m$

$2x - (mx + b) = m$

$(2 - m)x - (m + b) = 0$

$2 - m = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2$

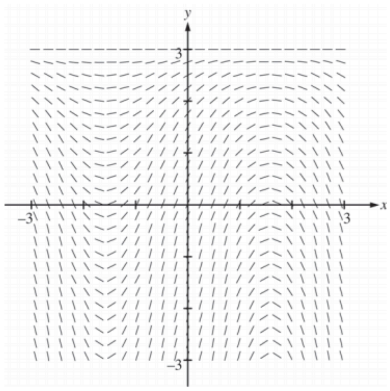
$b = -m \Rightarrow b = -2$

Therefore, $m = 2$ and $b = -2$.

$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{d}{dx}(mx + b) = m \\ 1 : 2x - y = m \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - y)\cos x$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. The function f is defined for all real numbers.

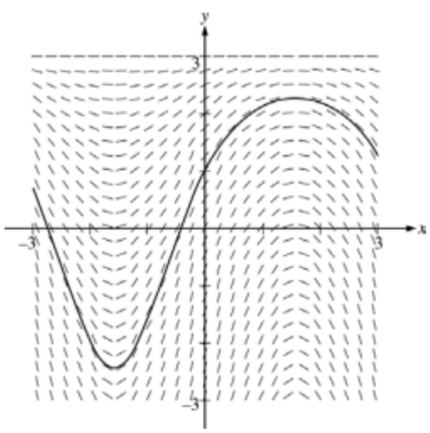
(a) A portion of the slope field of the differential equation is given below. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(0, 1)$.



(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the solution curve in part (a) at the point $(0, 1)$. Use the equation to approximate $f(0.2)$.

(c) Find $y = f(x)$, the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$.

(a)



1 : solution curve

(b) $\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{(x,\, y)=(0,\, 1)} = 2\cos 0 = 2$

An equation for the tangent line is $y = 2x + 1$.

$f(0.2) \approx 2(0.2) + 1 = 1.4$

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{tangent line equation} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - y)\cos x$

$\int \frac{dy}{3 - y} = \int \cos x \, dx$

$-\ln|3 - y| = \sin x + C$

$-\ln 2 = \sin 0 + C \Rightarrow C = -\ln 2$

$-\ln|3 - y| = \sin x - \ln 2$

Because $y(0) = 1$, $y < 3$, so $|3 - y| = 3 - y$

$3 - y = 2e^{-\sin x}$

$y = 3 - 2e^{-\sin x}$

Note: this solution is valid for all real numbers.

$6 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 2 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$

Note: max $3/6$ [1-2-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: $0/6$ if no separation of variables