

# Differential Equations Test Review

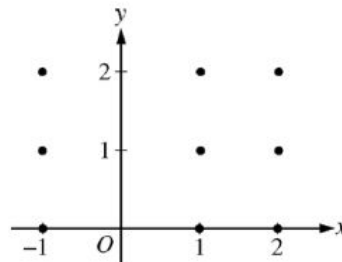
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1) For a – c consider the differential equation given by:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy}{3}$ .

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



b) Let  $y = f(x)$  be a particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = 2$ . Use Euler's method, with step size of 1, to approximate  $f(2)$ .

c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = 2$ . Use your solution to find  $f(2)$ .

2. A population is modeled by a function  $P$  that satisfies the differential equation  $\frac{dP}{dt} = -0.25P \left(1 - \frac{P}{20}\right)$

a) If  $P(0) = 4$ , then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

b) If  $P(0) = 5$ , then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

c) If  $P(0) = 4$ , for what value is  $P$  is the population growing the fastest?  $P = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. Write a differential equation to represent the rate of change of a population  $P(t)$ , if the rate at which the population is changing is proportional to  $P - 4$ . Then, solve the initial value problem given that  $P(0) = 200$ , and write  $P$  in terms of  $t$  and the constant of proportionality  $k$ .

4. A radioactive substance, such as Thorium-234, decays at a rate proportional to the amount of the substance present at any time  $t$ . It takes about 24 days for a sample of Thorium-234 to decay to the point where half of the original amount remains. How long, to the nearest day, will it take for a sample of 10g of Thorium-234 to decay to 1g?