

**Student ID:** 510415022**Tutorial Time:** 10:00 to 11:00 (10-11am), Monday**Location:** F07.03.355.Carslaw Building Carslaw Seminar Room 355**Lecturers:** Haotian Wu and James Parkinson

1. Find the general solution (in explicit form) of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xe^{-y}.$$

**Solution:**

The DE is separable with  $f(x) = 2x$  and  $g(y) = e^{-y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2xe^{-y} \\ \int e^y dy &= \int 2x dx \\ \implies e^y &= x^2 + C \\ \implies y &= \ln(x^2 + C)\end{aligned}$$

2. Consider the differential equation

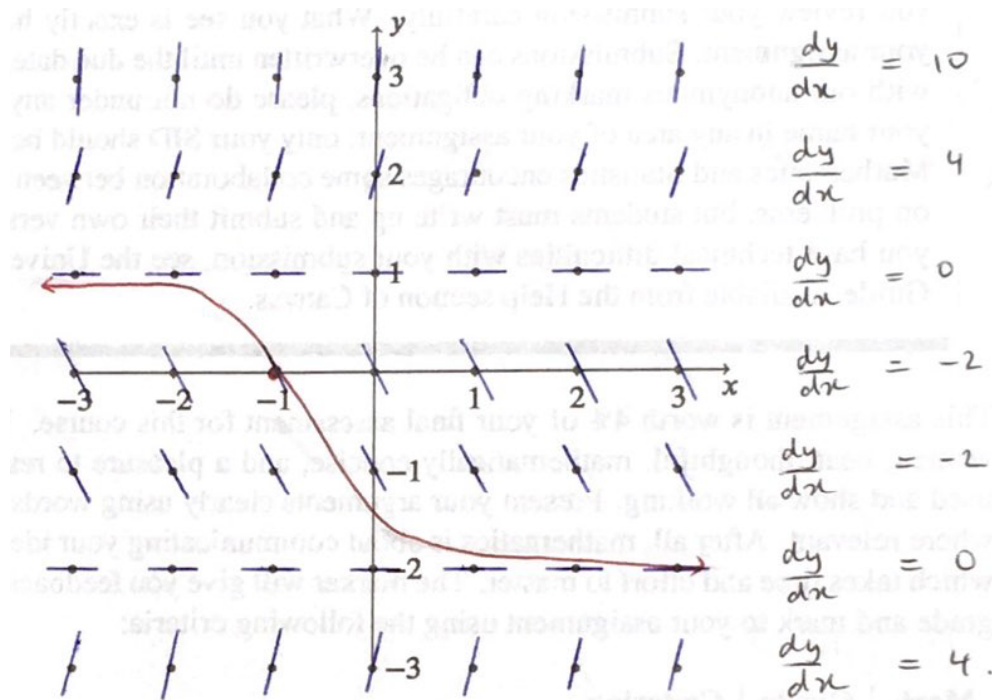
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (y - 1)(y + 2).$$

- (a) Copy the grid below into your solutions, and use it to sketch the direction field of the differential equation. Your sketch needs to be hand-drawn (either on paper, or on a tablet), and you should draw the appropriate slope at each of the 49 points of the grid.
- (b) On your sketch in part (a), draw the solution curve passing through the point  $(-1, 0)$ .

**Solution:**

Note that the DE is autonomous, so all slope lines along a single  $y$ -coordinate have equal gradient. Also,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \iff y = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad y = -2.$$



3. A cylindrical tank of height 1 metre is full of water at time  $t = 0$  seconds. A tap is turned on at the bottom of the tank, and water begins to drain from the tank. You are given that the differential equation governing the height  $h(t)$  of water at time  $t$  in the tank is given by

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{30}.$$

How long does it take for the tank to be completely empty?

**Solution:**

The DE is separable with  $f(t) = -\frac{1}{30}$  and  $g(h) = \sqrt{h}$ . Also note the initial condition  $h(0) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dh}{dt} &= -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{30}, \quad h(0) = 1 \\ \int h^{-\frac{1}{2}} dh &= \int -\frac{1}{30} dt \\ \Rightarrow 2h^{\frac{1}{2}} &= -\frac{1}{30}t + C \\ \Rightarrow h^{\frac{1}{2}} &= -\frac{1}{60}t + D \quad (D = C/2)\end{aligned}$$

From the initial conditions, when  $t = 0$ ,  $h = 1 \Rightarrow D = 1$ . So our IVP becomes

$$h^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{60}t + 1$$

For the tank to be completely empty,  $h = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -\frac{1}{60}t + 1 \\ \Rightarrow t &= 60\end{aligned}$$

Therefore it takes 60 seconds or 1 minute for the tank to be completely empty.