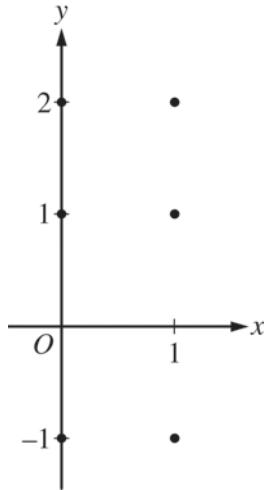


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4. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - y$ .

- (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.

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5. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - kx}$ , where  $k$  is a nonzero constant. The derivative of  $f$  is given by

$$f'(x) = \frac{k - 2x}{(x^2 - kx)^2}.$$

(a) Let  $k = 3$ , so that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 3x}$ . Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point whose  $x$ -coordinate is 4.

(b) Let  $k = 4$ , so that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x}$ . Determine whether  $f$  has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 2$ . Justify your answer.

(c) Find the value of  $k$  for which  $f$  has a critical point at  $x = -5$ .

(d) Let  $k = 6$ , so that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x}$ . Find the partial fraction decomposition for the function  $f$ .

Find  $\int f(x) dx$ .

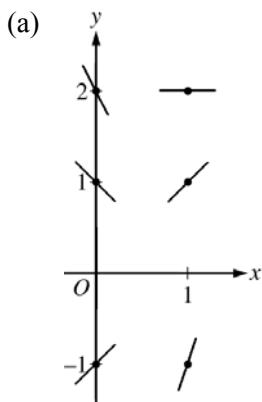
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**Question 4**

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



(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.

(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  $x = 2$ .

(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  $b = -2$ .

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

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

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

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