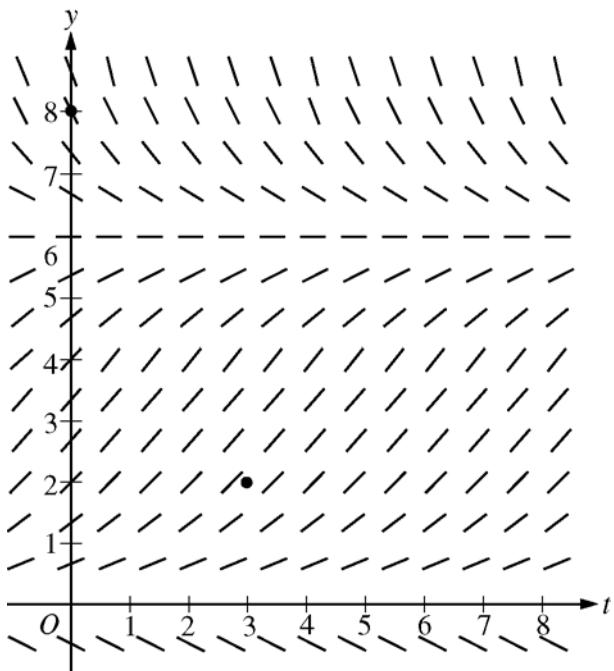


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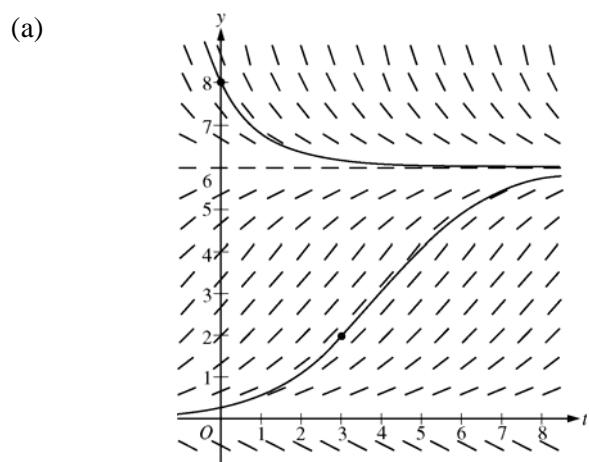
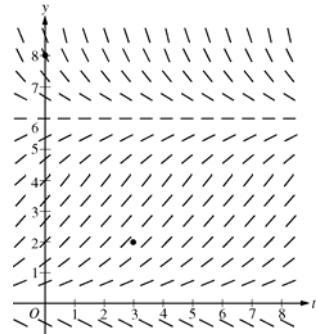
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 $f(1) \approx 7 + \left(-\frac{7}{8}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{105}{16}$

(c)  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{8} \frac{dy}{dt} (6 - y) + \frac{y}{8} \left(-\frac{dy}{dt}\right)$   
 $f(0) = 8; f'(0) = \frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{8}{8}(6 - 8) = -2;$  and

$$f''(0) = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{8}(-2)(-2) + \frac{8}{8}(2) = \frac{5}{2}$$

The second-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $t = 0$  is  $P_2(t) = 8 - 2t + \frac{5}{4}t^2$ .

$$f(1) \approx P_2(1) = \frac{29}{4}$$

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1 : answer