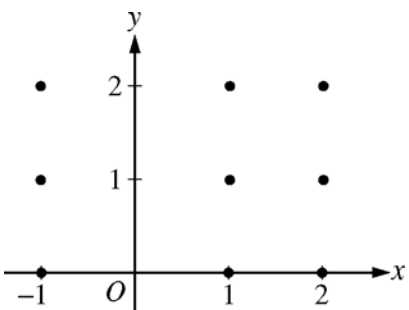


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5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-1}{x^2}$ , where  $x \neq 0$ .

(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  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ .

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6. Let  $f$  be the function given by  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$  for all  $x > 0$ . The derivative of  $f$  is given by  $f'(x) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$ .

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = e^2$ .

(b) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the critical point of  $f$ . Determine whether this point is a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither for the function  $f$ . Justify your answer.

(c) The graph of the function  $f$  has exactly one point of inflection. Find the  $x$ -coordinate of this point.

(d) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ .

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**WRITE ALL WORK IN THE PINK EXAM BOOKLET.**

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**Question 6**

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$$f'(x) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}.$$

- (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = e^2$ .  
 (b) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the critical point of  $f$ . Determine whether this point is a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither for the function  $f$ . Justify your answer.  
 (c) The graph of the function  $f$  has exactly one point of inflection. Find the  $x$ -coordinate of this point.  
 (d) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ .

$$(a) \quad f(e^2) = \frac{\ln e^2}{e^2} = \frac{2}{e^2}, \quad f'(e^2) = \frac{1 - \ln e^2}{(e^2)^2} = -\frac{1}{e^4}$$

$$\text{An equation for the tangent line is } y = \frac{2}{e^2} - \frac{1}{e^4}(x - e^2).$$

- (b)  $f'(x) = 0$  when  $x = e$ . The function  $f$  has a relative maximum at  $x = e$  because  $f'(x)$  changes from positive to negative at  $x = e$ .

$$(c) \quad f''(x) = \frac{-\frac{1}{x}x^2 - (1 - \ln x)2x}{x^4} = \frac{-3 + 2\ln x}{x^3} \text{ for all } x > 0$$

$$f''(x) = 0 \text{ when } -3 + 2\ln x = 0$$

$$x = e^{3/2}$$

The graph of  $f$  has a point of inflection at  $x = e^{3/2}$  because  $f''(x)$  changes sign at  $x = e^{3/2}$ .

$$(d) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{x} = -\infty \text{ or Does Not Exist}$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : f(e^2) \text{ and } f'(e^2) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : x = e \\ 1 : \text{relative maximum} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 2 : f''(x) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

$$1 : \text{answer}$$