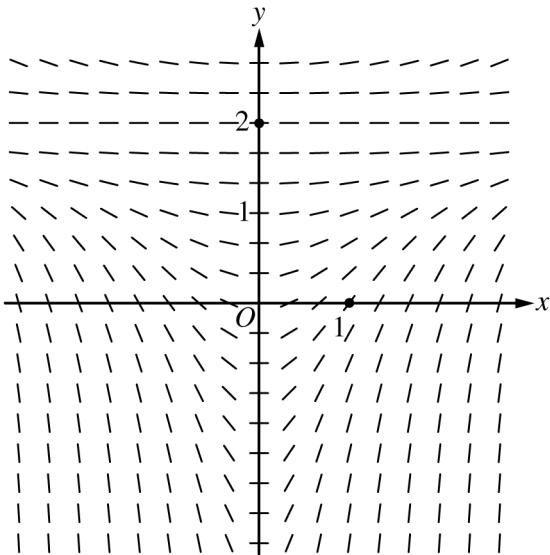


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6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x(y - 2)^2$.

- (a) A slope field for the given differential equation is shown below. Sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 2)$, and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(1, 0)$.



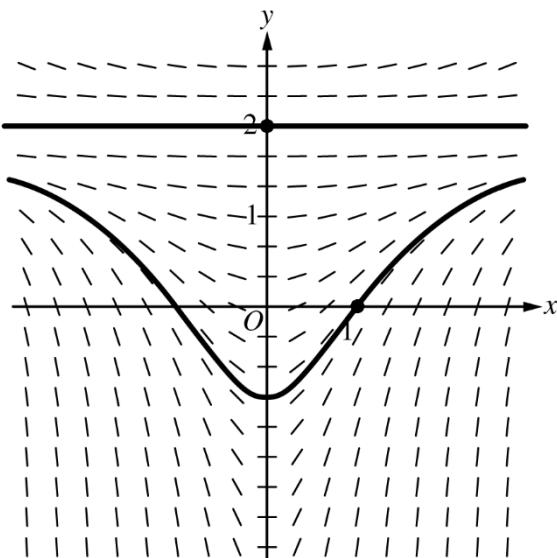
- (b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with initial condition $f(1) = 0$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1$. Use your equation to approximate $f(0.7)$.
- (c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with initial condition $f(1) = 0$.

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(a)



$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{solution curve through } (0, 2) \\ 1 : \text{solution curve through } (1, 0) \end{cases}$$

Curves must go through the indicated points, follow the given slope lines, and extend to the boundary of the slope field.

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(x, y)=(1, 0)} = \frac{4}{3}$

An equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1$ is $y = \frac{4}{3}(x - 1)$.

$$f(0.7) \approx \frac{4}{3}(0.7 - 1) = -0.4$$

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x(y - 2)^2$

$$\int \frac{dy}{(y - 2)^2} = \int \frac{1}{3}x \, dx$$

$$\frac{-1}{y - 2} = \frac{1}{6}x^2 + C$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6} + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{-1}{y - 2} = \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{x^2 + 2}{6}$$

$$y = 2 - \frac{6}{x^2 + 2}$$

Note: this solution is valid for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{equation of tangent line} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$$

$$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 2 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ \quad \text{and uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$$

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables

Note: max 3/5 [1-2-0-0] if no constant of integration