

Recitation #13: Direction fields and Separable Differential Equations

Warm up:

Which of the following differential equations are separable?

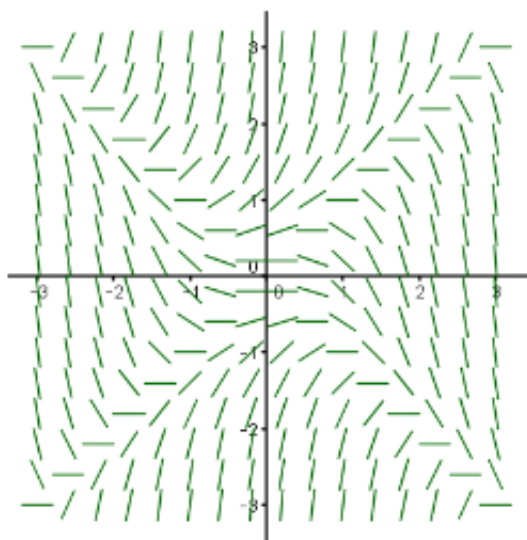
(a) $y' = \frac{ty}{t^2 + 1},$

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

(c) $y' = t^2 - y.$

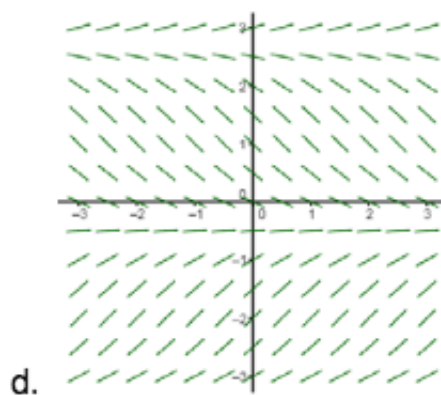
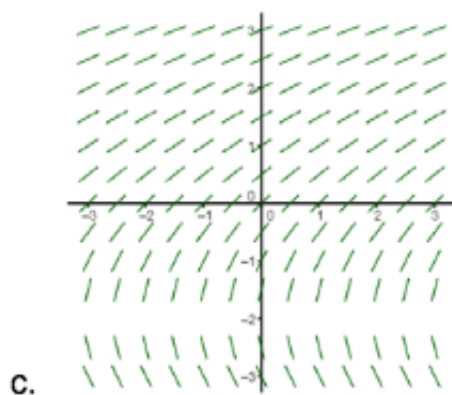
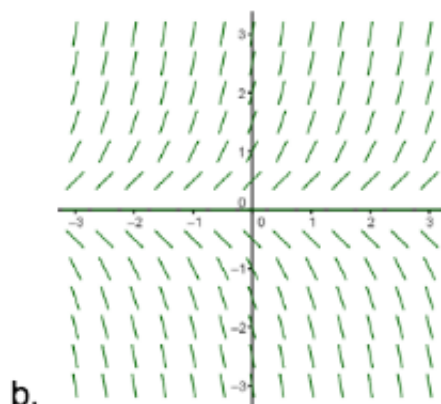
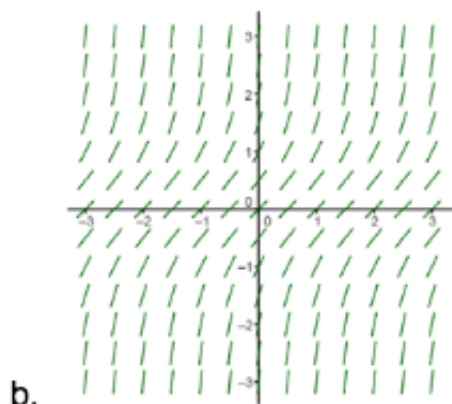
Group work:

Problem 1 The following is a direction field for the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - x^2$.



Sketch the solution such that $y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$.

Problem 2 Which of the following direction fields is the direction field corresponding to the differential equation $y' = 1 + y^2$?



Problem 3 Find a specific solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{-2} \arctan(x)$ if $y(1) = 5$.

Problem 4 Find a specific solution to the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \sin(x), \quad y(0) = 5.$$