Math 3B: Lecture 6

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- Look at questions 1-8 on PS3

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The challenge is to find all the functions y = f(x) (or even just one) that satisfy a given equation.

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The force due to gravity is roughly -10m Newtons, so

$$-10m = mh''(t)$$

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If P(t) is the population at time t:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P}{\mathrm{d}t} = rP(t)$$

Some more examples of differential equations

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = f(x)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = y(1 - y)$$

$$y'' = \sqrt{a^2 - (y')^2}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = k(A - y)^2$$

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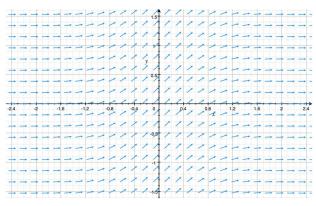
$$F(x)=2x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Slope fields

In some cases it is impossible to find the antiderivative (without special functions). E.g. $\,$

$$f(x) = e^{-x^2}$$

But we can still (approximately) graph the antiderivative! First we draw the slope field



How to draw a slope field for

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}=f(x)$$

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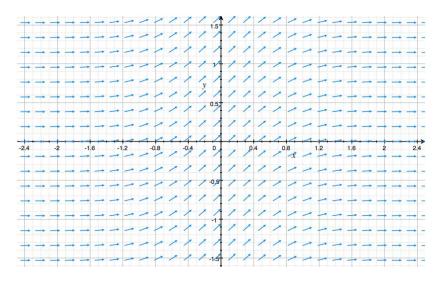
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- 5. Do this for a grid of points on the xy-plane.

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