- 1. Let P(t) be the net worth of an investment after t years, that is growing at a 5% rate. Suppose that after two years, the investment is worth \$200. Write down an *initial value problem* (the differential equation & initial condition) for P, and sketch its solution.
- 2. Let T(t) be the temperature of a cup of water t minutes after being placed in a room where the ambient temperature is 72° .
 - (a) Write down a differential equation that T satisfies.
 - (b) Sketch the solution curve of the solution satisfying T(0) = 100.
 - (c) Sketch the solution curve of the solution satisfying T(0) = 40.
 - (d) Sketch the solution curve of the solution satisfying T(0) = 72.
- 3. Repeat the previous exercise, except let T(t) be the temperature of a sheet of metal (which cools down and heats up much quicker than water). Qualitatively, what is the difference between the solution curves in these two problems? Which value of k is bigger and why?
- 4. Sketch the slope field of the ODE y' = t 2y using the isocline method for y' = c, for $c = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$. Sketch the particular solutions that satisfy y(0) = 1 and y(2) = 2.
- 5. Sketch the slope field of the ODE yy' = -t using the isocline method for $c = 0, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm 2,$ and sketch the particular solution that satisfies y(0) = 1.
- 6. Explain why two solution curves in the slope field of an ODE can never cross.
- 7. Sketch the steady-state (constant) solutions of $y' = 6 + y y^2$ in the ty-plane. These solutions divide the plane into regions. Sketch at least one solution curve in each of these region.
- 8. Consider the differential equation y' = y(4 y).
 - (a) Show that $y(t) = 4/(1+Ce^{-4t})$ is a solution for any value of C by plugging it into the ODE. This family of solutions is called a *general solution* to the differential equation.
 - (b) Sketch the solutions for C = 1, 2, ..., 5. (Hint: This ODE is autonomous).
 - (c) What are the steady-state (constant) solutions?
 - (d) The general solution may fail to produce all solutions of a differential equation. Find a solution that is not given by any value of C. (Hint: Look at part (c)).
 - (e) Describe a physical situation that this differential equation could model, and justify your reasons. (Hint: Consider population growth).