

Week 1 summary:

- In many real-world situations, there are simple relations between a function and its derivatives. These can be expressed as differential equations.
- Exponential growth:  $y' = ky$   
Exponential decay:  $y' = -ky$   
Decay → value:  $y' = k(A - y)$
- Slope fields: A way to "visualize" all solutions to an ODE. We can sketch a slope field using isoclines (not in textbook!) Set  $y' = \text{const}$ , plot the resulting line/curve.
- Plotting solutions to autonomous ODE's;  $y' = f(y)$ .