

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  $72^\circ$ .
  - (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  $y' = -t$  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. Let  $y' = f(y, t)$  be an ODE. Explain why two solution curves in its slope field 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  $C = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ . (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).
9. Consider the initial value problem  $y' = t + y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ .
  - (a) When computing a solution by hand using Euler's method, it is beneficial to arrange your work in a table, as shown below where the first step is computed. Continue with Euler's method using step-size  $h = 0.1$  and complete all missing entries of the table.

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$k$	$t_k$	$y_k$	$f(t_k, y_k) = t_k + y_k$	$h$	$f(t_k, y_k) \cdot h$
0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1
1	0.1	1.1			
2	0.2				
3	0.3				
4	0.4				
5	0.5				

- (b) The general solution of  $y' = t + y$  is  $y(t) = Ce^t - t - 1$ . Using this, compute the actual value of  $y(0.5)$ .
10. Consider the initial value problem  $y' = (1 + t)y$ ,  $y(0) = -1$ .
- (a) Use Euler's method to approximate  $y(1)$ , for step-size  $h = 0.2$ , and then for  $h = 0.1$ . Arrange your results in the tabular form as in the previous exercise.
- (b) Compute the actual value of  $y(1)$  by solving the initial value problem  $y' = (1 + t)y$ ,  $y(0) = -1$  and plugging in  $t = 1$ .