#### Daily Quiz

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#### 7.2 Visualizing Differential Equations

• A differential equation is an equation that contains an unknown function and one or more of its derivatives.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$$

- A Slope Field is the graph of the derivative as a collection of slopes.
- Note: A slope field is also called a Direction Field.

Slope Field Generator: https://www.desmos.com/calculator/2zqmtz0hbk

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#### 7.2 Manually Computing Slope Fields





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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x + y$$

# Sketch the **solution curve** that passes through (1,1).

- A solution curve to a differential equation is a path traced out by the lines of the slope field.
- If the slope field represents a river's water currents, a solution curve represents a paper boat's path as it moves along with the current given its initial location.



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7.2 Slope Fields  
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x - y$$

Sketch the **solution curve** that passes through (-2,0).



7.2 Slope Fields  
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x$$

Sketch the **solution curve** that passes through (-2,-1).



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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - y$$

- The constant-valued solutions are called equilibrium solutions
- A differential equation of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)$  in which the independent variable is missing from the right side, is called **autonomous**.
- We can obtain infinitely many other solutions of an autonomous differential equation by just shifting the graph of one solution to the right or left.



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 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$ Sketch the solution curve that passes through (0,5).





# 7.2 Slope Fields $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$

Sketch the **solution curve** that passes through (5,2).



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## 7.2 Slope Fields $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$

Sketch the **solution curve** that passes through (0,-4).



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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0.25y(4-y)$$

- How many equilibrium solutions do you see?
- Can you identify the equilibrium solutions from just the differential equation?
- The solution y=4 is a stable equilibrium solution.
- The solution y=0 is an unstable equilibrium solution.



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