

Math 1b (8:30AM)

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An example of a differential equation is

$$y' = x + y$$

$$(y' = \frac{dy}{dx})$$

A solution:

~~$$y = -x - 1$$~~

$c=0$

check solution:

$$(-x-1)' = x + (-x-1)$$

$$-1 = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

Yes $y = -x - 1$ is
a solution to
 $y' = x + y$

The general solution:

$$y = -x - 1 + ce^x$$

($c = \text{any constant}$)

$$y' = x + y$$

$$(-x - 1 + ce^x)' = x + (-x - 1 + ce^x)$$

$$-1 + ce^x = -1 + ce^x \quad \checkmark$$

Many times a differential equation is given together with "initial conditions", extra properties the solution you find must have,

$$y' = x + y$$

First find the general solution

$$y = -1 - x + ce^x$$

$$1 = -1 - 2 + ce^2$$

$$4 = ce^2 = c = 4e^{-2} = \frac{4}{e^2}$$

when $x=2$, y must equal 1

$$y|_{x=2} = 1, \quad y(2) = 1$$

when $x=2$

$$y = -1 - x + 4e^{-2}e^x$$

$$y = -1 - x + 4e^{x-2}$$

$$y' = x + y$$

$$(-1 - x + 4e^{x-2})' = x + (-1 - x + 4e^{x-2})$$

$$-1 + 4e^{x-2} = -x + 4e^{x-2}$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{=} -1 - 2 + 4e$$

$$1 = -3 + 4 \quad \checkmark$$

Fundamentally there are three ways of thinking about differential equations

9.2
slope field
direction field

(1) Conceptually thinking (sometimes visually) about how solutions to differential equations.

9.2
Euler's Method

(2) Numerically

Using a computer to compute values of the solution to a differential equation to any desired degree of accuracy

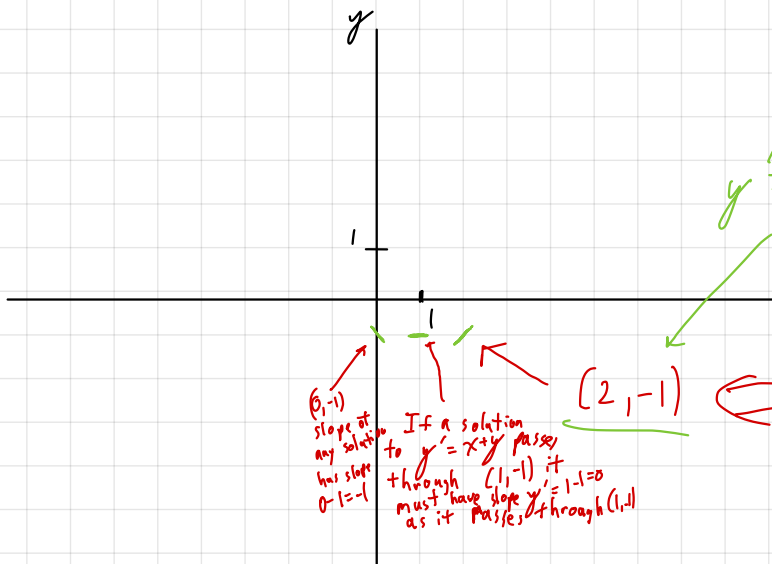
9.3
separation of variables

(3) Algebraically = Finding the exact solutions to a differential equations

$y' = 2x$ solution: $y = x^2 + c$

9.2 Direction Fields

$y' = x + y$ $y(0) = 2$



(0, -1) slope at any solution to $y' = x + y$ passing through (0, -1) must have slope $y' = 0 - 1 = -1$ as it passes through (0, -1)

(2, -1)

$y' = x + y$
 $y' \text{ at } (2, -1) = 2 - 1 = 1$

If a solution to $y' = x + y$ passes through this point, it must have slope at this point

