

## 6.1 Differential Equations & Slope Fields

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### Ch 3.9 Definition of Differentials:

Let  $y = f(x)$  be differentiable on an open interval containing  $x$ .

The **differential of  $x$ ,  $dx$** , is a non-zero real number.

The **differential of  $y$ ,  $dy$** , is: 
$$\int dy = \int f'(x) dx$$

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Ch 4.1: Solve the differential equation:

$$f'(x) = 4x, \quad f(0) = 6$$

$$dy = f'(x) dx$$

$$dy = \frac{dy}{dx} dx$$

$$\int dy = \int 4x dx$$

$$y = \frac{4x^2}{2} + c = 2x^2 + c$$

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What about ....?

Solve the diff eq:  $(2+x) y' - xy = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy}{x+2}$$

More complex than we have done so far.

This is where we are headed.

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What about ....?

Solve the diff eq:  $(2+x)y' - xy = 0$

Note that problems of this complexity are covered later in the chapter. This is offered here because students wanted to see that there is no new procedure involved.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy}{x+2}$$

$$dy = \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \frac{xy}{x+2} dx$$

$$x+2 \overline{) x} \\ \underline{x+2} \\ -2$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{x}{x+2} dx = \int \left( 1 - \frac{2}{x+2} \right) dx$$

$$\ln|y| = x - 2 \int \frac{dx}{x+2}$$

$$\ln|y| = x - 2 \ln|x+2| + c$$

$$e^{x-2\ln|x+2|+c} = y$$

$$e^x \left[ e^c \right] e^{-2\ln|x+2|} = y$$

$$\frac{C_1 e^x}{(x+2)^2} = y$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} \\ &e^{-2\ln|x+2|} \\ &e^{\ln(x+2)^{-2}} \\ &e^{\ln(x+2)^{-2}} = e^{\ln z} \\ &\ln e^{\ln(x+2)^{-2}} = \ln z \\ &\ln(x+2)^{-2} \ln e = \ln z \end{aligned}$$

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Start with verify problems: Verify a solution is correct for the diff eq.

p. 409 # 2 G:  $y = e^{-x}$ ;  $3y' + 4y = e^{-x}$

$$y' = -e^{-x}$$

$$3(-e^{-x}) + 4e^{-x} \stackrel{?}{=} e^{-x}$$

$$-3e^{-x} + 4e^{-x}$$

$$e^{-x} = e^{-x} \checkmark$$

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$$4. G: y^2 - 2 \ln y = x^2, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy}{y^2 - 1}$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\left(y - \frac{1}{y}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y - \frac{1}{y}} \cdot \frac{y}{y} = \frac{xy}{y^2 - 1} \quad \checkmark$$

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What about:

$$dy/dx = x + y$$

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

If we cannot solve a diff eq analytically,

consider the **slope field** associated with the equation.

This gives us a **graphical representation of the slopes** of the general solution.



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Links for Slope Fields

$dy/dx$  represents the slope of  $y$

Equation Plotter: Slope Fields

Start with:  $dy/dx = x$

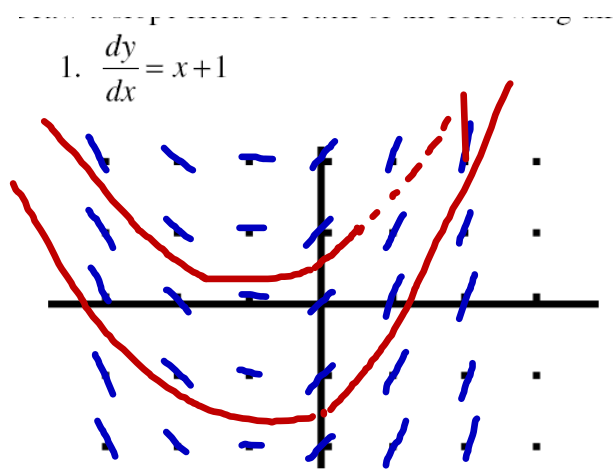
$$dy = \frac{dy}{dx} dx$$

$$\int dy = \int x dx$$

$$y = x^2 + C$$

Slope Field Worksheet

prepared by Nancy Stephenson  
and available at [apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com)



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$$G: \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$$

F: Solve

$$dy = \frac{dy}{dx} dx$$

$$\int dy = \int \frac{e^x}{1+e^x} dx$$

$$u = 1+e^x$$
$$du = e^x dx$$

$$= \int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + c = \ln|1+e^x| + c$$

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$$46. \frac{dy}{dx} = x\sqrt{5-x} \quad \text{Solve.}$$

$$\int dy = - \int x(5-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$u = 5-x$$

$$du = -dx$$

$$x = 5-u$$

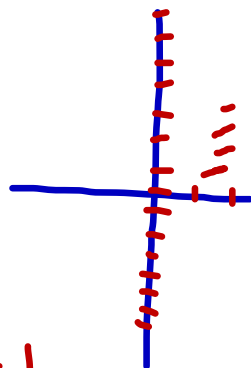
$$\begin{aligned} & \int (5-u)u^{\frac{1}{2}} du \\ &= - \int (5u^{\frac{1}{2}} - u^{\frac{3}{2}}) du \end{aligned}$$

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$$54. \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \sin x$$

$$x=0 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$



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