

$$e^t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} \text{ and thus } e^{bt} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^k t^k}{k!} \text{ for } t \text{ near } 0.$$

$$\phi_n(t) = \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{2^{k-2}}{k!} t^k$$

## 2.8: Approximating soln to IVP using seq of fns.

The solution  $y = \phi(t)$  is the thick cyan curve.

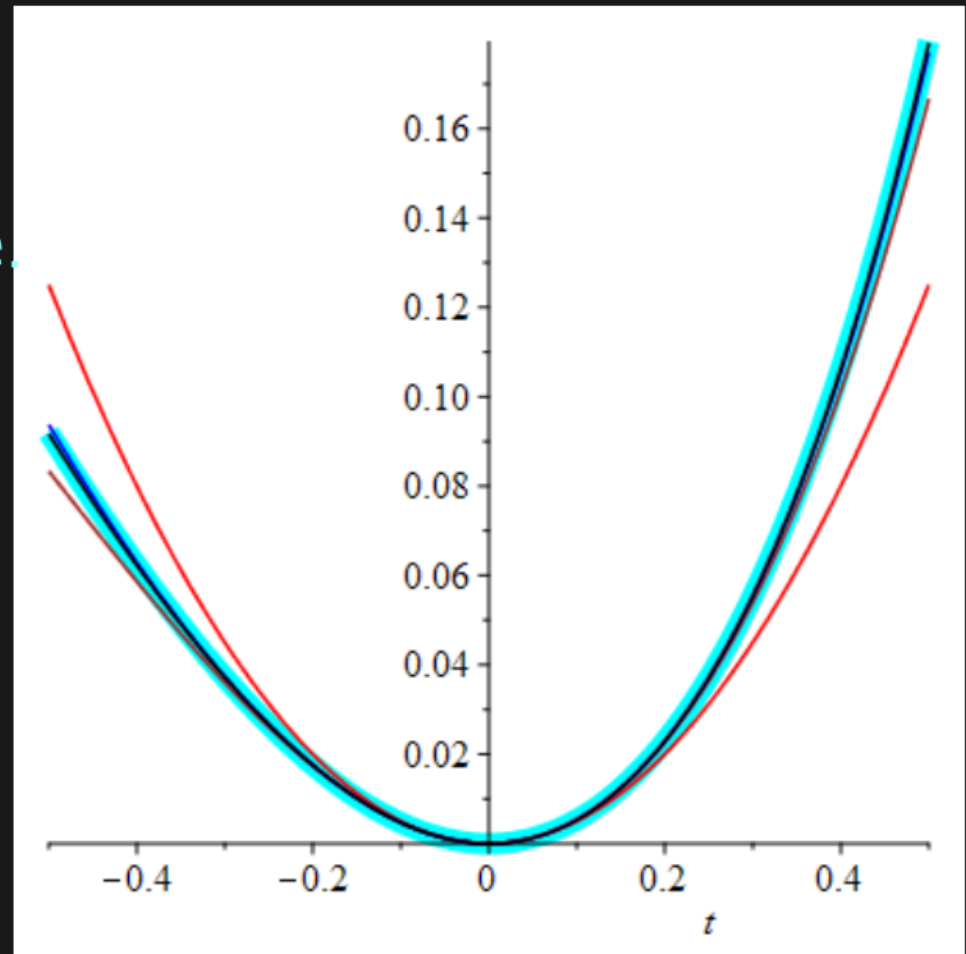
$$\phi_0(t) = 0$$

$$\phi_1(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$\phi_2(t) = \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3}$$

$$\phi_3(t) = \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} + \frac{t^4}{6}$$

$$\phi_4(t) = \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} + \frac{t^4}{6} + \frac{t^5}{15}$$



## Section 2.5: Autonomous equations:

$$y' = f(y)$$

Note the change in  $y$  only depends on  $y$

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Compare to calculus 1 problems:  $y' = f(t)$

## Example: Exponential Growth/Decay

Example: population growth/radioactive decay

Change in  $y$  is proportional to  $y$

$$y' = ry, \quad y(0) = y_0 \quad \text{implies} \quad y = y_0 e^{rt}$$

Equilibrium solution:

$$r > 0$$

$$r < 0$$

Example:  $y' = ry$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$  implies  $y = y_0 e^{rt}$

Equilibrium solution:  $y = 0$

$r > 0$        $y$  vs  $f(y)$ :                      slope field:

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Determine long-term behaviour:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) =$$

Example:  $y' = ry$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$  implies  $y = y_0 e^{rt}$

Equilibrium solution:  $y = 0$

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Determine long-term behaviour:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) =$$

Example: population growth

Change in  $y$  is proportional to  $y$ :

$$y' = ry \text{ where } r \text{ is the growth rate.}$$

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Example: Logistic growth:

$$y' = h(y)y$$

The growth rate  $h(y)$  depends on the population  $y$ .

Example: Logistic growth:  $y' = h(y)y$

$$\text{Example: } y' = r\left(1 - \frac{y}{K}\right)y$$

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Equilibrium solutions:

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$$r > 0$$

$y$  vs  $f(y)$ :

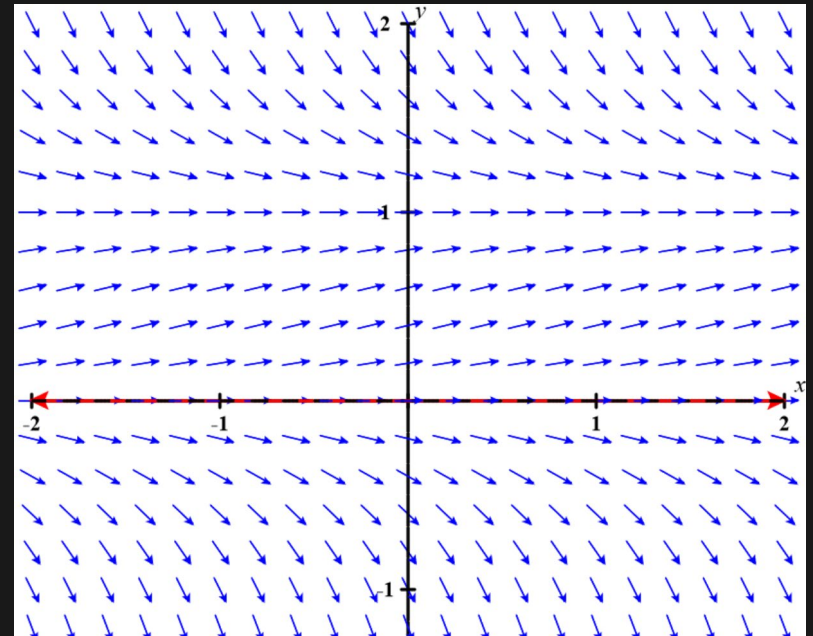
slope field:



Example: Logistic growth:  $y' = h(y)y$

Example:  $y' = r(1 - \frac{y}{K})y$

Solution:  $y = \frac{y_0 K}{y_0 + (K - y_0)e^{-rt}}$



<https://c3d.libretexts.org/DirectionField/index.html>

Determine long-term behaviour:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) =$$

# Equilibrium solution

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Asymptotically stable:

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Asymptotically unstable:

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Asymptotically semi-stable:

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## Section 2.5 Autonomous equations: $y' = f(y)$

If given either differential equation  $y' = f(y)$

OR direction field:

- Find equilibrium solutions and determine if stable, unstable, semi-stable.
- Understand what the above means.

Determine long-term behaviour:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) =$$

A function  $f$  is linear if  $f(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) = af(\mathbf{x}) + bf(\mathbf{y})$

Or equivalently  $f$  is linear if

1.)  $f(a\mathbf{x}) = af(\mathbf{x})$  and

2.)  $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y})$

Example: Prove  $y = \ln(t)$  is not a linear function.



