

Quiz #4

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Problem 1. Solve the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$, $y(0) = 7$. [Because of the initial condition, you may assume $y > 0$.]

Solution. We separate variables,

$$\frac{1}{y} dy = x dx$$

and integrate

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int x dx$$

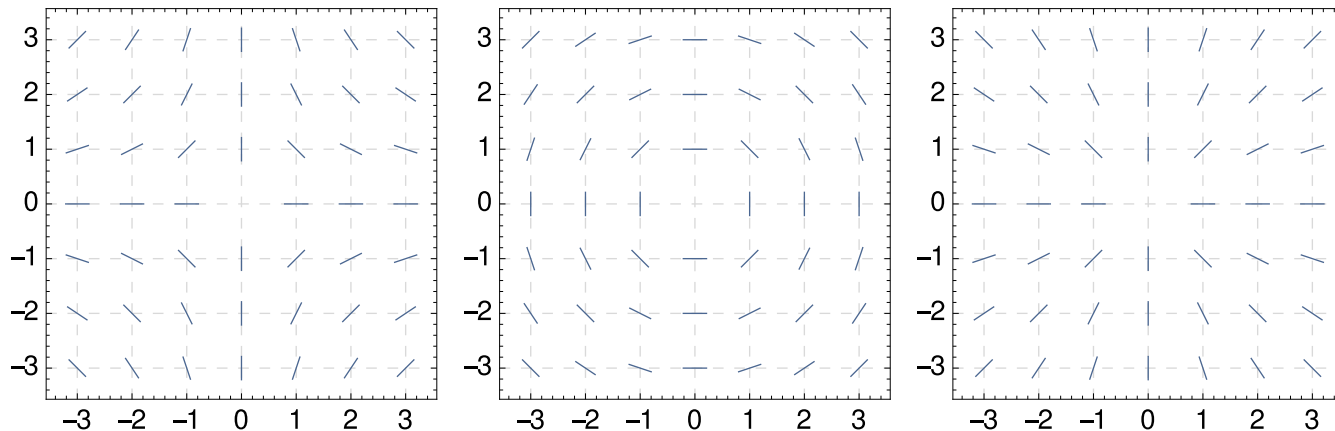
to find

$$\ln|y| = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C.$$

Plugging in $y = 7$ and $x = 0$, we find $C = \ln(7)$. Since $y > 0$, we exponentiate to find

$$y(x) = e^{x^2/2 + \ln(7)} = 7e^{x^2/2}.$$

Problem 2. (Bonus) For a small bonus, select the slope field which belongs to $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$.



Solution. The first slope field belongs to $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$.

[The second corresponds to $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$, and the third to $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$.]