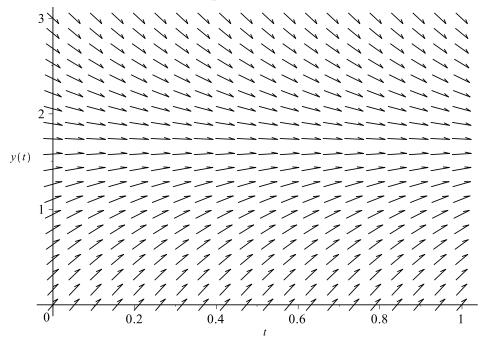
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Direction Fields

In class, we considered the equation

$$\dot{y} + 3y = 5. \tag{1}$$

Here is the direction field for this equation.

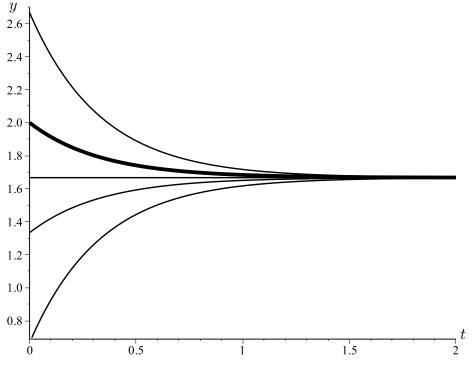


Direction field for (1). Note that the direction field approaches the equilibrium solution y = 5/3.

The solution to (1) is given by

$$y(t) = Be^{-3t} + \frac{5}{3}.$$
 (2)

Here are some integral curves of the solution.



Graphs of (2) for B = -1, -1/3, 0, 1/3 (thick curve), and 1.

