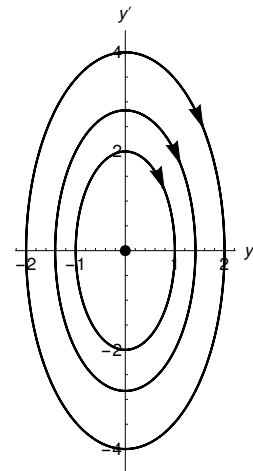


6. [13 points] Consider the phase portrait shown to the right, which shows the phase portrait for a linear, second-order, constant coefficient, homogeneous differential equation  $L[y] = 0$ .

- a. [7 points] Write a differential equation that could give this phase portrait. Explain how you obtain your solution, and why is it correct.



- b. [6 points] Suppose that we add a forcing term  $f(t) = \cos(15t/8)$  to the equation, so that we are solving  $L[y] = f(t)$ . Sketch an approximate solution curve with  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ . Explain why your solution appears as it does.