

Math 274 Quiz 1

Sections: 1.1-1.3, Phase Line

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Name: _____
Point values in boxes.

1. Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -y^2, \quad y(1) = 2. \quad (1)$$

(a) 2 Verify $y(x) = \frac{1}{x+c}$, where c is an arbitrary constant, is a one-parameter family of solutions to $\frac{dy}{dx} = -y^2$.

(b) 2 Does Theorem 1 (Existence/Uniqueness) apply to the initial value problem (1)? Why, or why not?

(c) 2 Solve the initial value problem (1), i.e. find c so that $y(x) = \frac{1}{x+c}$ satisfies the initial data¹.

¹The solution to an initial value problem is not a number, so your solution should not be of the form $c = 7$ with a box around it. What type of thing is a solution to an initial value problem?

2. 4 For each of the following equations, label the equilibria and classify each as a sink, source, or node on the phase line. Include direction arrows. Additionally, for each, predict the asymptotic behavior as $t \rightarrow \infty$ of the solution satisfying $y(0) = -0.5$.

(a) $\frac{dy}{dt} = -y^2$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dt} = 1 - y^2$