Exam 1 Preview

Below are some sample questions that you should be able to answer from chapter 2; don't be surprised if several of these end up looking like exam questions.

1. The following questions are about the ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -3\left(1 - \frac{y}{5}\right)\left(1 - \frac{y}{9}\right)y.$$

- (a) Find the equilibrium solutions of this ODE.
- (b) Classify each of the equilibrium solutions as asymptotically stable, asymptotically unstable, or neither. Hint: Do not assume that y > 0!
- (c) Assuming that y(0) = 2, find $\lim_{x \to \infty} y(x)$. Do not solve the ODE!
- (d) Which of the following phase lines correspond to this ODE?



vii) None of the above

- (e) Sketch the solutions to this ODE using the qualitative methods discussed in class. Do not solve the ODE!
- (f) **True or False:** This ODE is linear.

(g) Which of the following slope fields correspond to this ODE?



(h) Find the general solution of this ODE. Hint: Expect to use partial fractions!

(i) Solve the IVP $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3\left(1-\frac{y}{5}\right)\left(1-\frac{y}{9}\right)y, \ y(-1) = \pi.$