

Name: Solution I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Determine, without solving, whether the following DE possesses a unique solution

through the point (2,-3):  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{y^2 - 9}$ 

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{y^2 - 9} = f(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 - 9}}$$

$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  is not continuous when  $y = -3$

i.e.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  is not continuous at (2,-3)  $\Rightarrow$  the DE does not possess a unique solution through (2,-3).

2. Solve the initial value problem:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 4(x^2 + 1)$ ,  $x(\pi/4) = 1$ 

$$\frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} = 4 dt$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = 4t + C$$

Using the condition  $x(\pi/4) = 1 \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} 1 = 4(\pi/4) + C$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$\therefore$  the solution is  $\tan^{-1} x = 4t - \frac{3\pi}{4}$ .

2. Consider the autonomous first order differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 10 + 3y - y^2$ .

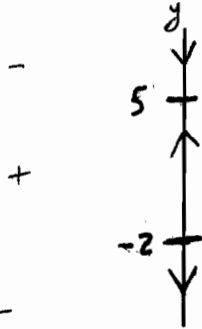
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a) Find the critical points and phase portrait, and then classify each critical point in terms of its stability.

To find the critical points;  $f(y) = 0 \Rightarrow 10 + 3y - y^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (5-y)(2+y) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow y = 5, y = -2$  are critical pts.



$y = -2$  is unstable (repeller).

$y = 5$  is asymptotically stable (attractor).

b) Sketch a typical solution curve determined by the graph of the equilibrium solution.

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