

2-1 Solution Curves without a Solution

Find the critical points and phase lines of the given autonomous 1st order DEs. Classify each critical point as either asymptotically stable, unstable, or semi-stable. By hand, sketch typical solution curves in the region in the xy -plane determined by the graphs of the equilibrium solutions.

1. $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 3y$

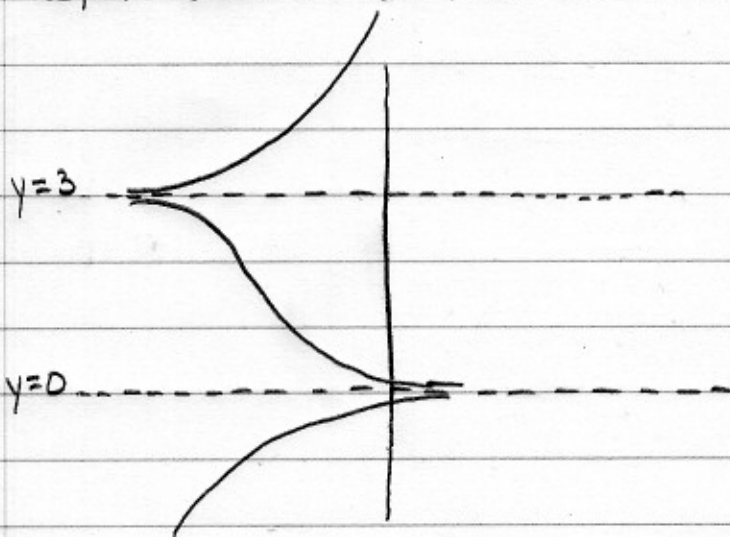
$$y^2 - 3y = 0$$

$$y(y-3) = 0$$

$$y = 0 \quad y = 3$$

Interval	TV	Sign	↑/↓
$(-\infty, 0)$	-1	+	↑
$(0, 3)$	1	-	↓
$(3, \infty)$	4	+	↑

↑
• $y = 3$ unstable
↓
• $y = 0$ asymptotically stable



2. $\frac{dy}{dx} = y(2-y)(4-y)$

dx

$y(2-y)(4-y) = 0$

$y = 0, 2, 4.$

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$(-\infty, 0)$	-1	-	↓
$(0, 2)$	1	+	↑
$(2, 4)$	3	-	↓
$(4, \infty)$	5	+	↑

