Math 260

Exam 1

1. Find the general solution to the differential equation $e^x y' + y = 0$.

2. Solve the initial value problem $y' - y = 2e^x$, y(1) = 3e.

3. Solve the initial value problem $y' = \frac{2x}{1+2y}$, y(2) = 0. An implicit solution is sufficient: you do not need to solve for y.

4. Determine if $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ is a solution to the differential equation yy' + x = 0. Your answer must be justified by your calculations.

5. Find all equilibrium solutions to the differential equation $y' = y^2(1-y^2)$ and identify each equilibrium as stable, semi-stable, or unstable.

6. Suppose that a mass has been attached to a carefully engineered "progressive" spring and as a result it's position y = y(t) satisfies the autonomous second-order differential equation $y'' + y^3 = 0$. Find a phase plane solution to the differential equation (implicit solutions are preferred).

7. A population grows logistically according to the equation $P' = \frac{3}{50}P(1-\frac{1}{500}P)$ and P(0) > 0. Find $\lim_{t\to\infty} P(t)$. Hint: there is no need to solve the differential equation.