

**Practice Exam 1(a) Solutions (Does not include graphing solutions)**

1. (a)  $y(t) = -\cos t + 1$
- (b)  $y(t) = 8e^{5t} + 3te^{5t}$
- (c) (This is from Section 1.9)  $y(t) = \frac{3}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{2}t^5$

2. (a)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 + 3y + 9/4 = (y + 3/2)^2$

Thus if  $\alpha = 9/4$  we have one equilibrium point, a node at  $y = -3/2$ .

If  $\alpha > 9/4$  then  $dy/dt > 0$  for all  $y$  since  $(3^2 - 4\alpha) < 0$ , so there no equilibria.

If  $\alpha < 9/4$  then there are two equilibria since  $(3^2 - 4\alpha) > 0$ . They are at  $y = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{3^2 - (4)(\alpha)}}{2}$ .

(c) This is partly described above. If  $\alpha < 9/4$  then we have two equilibrium points located at  $y$  values indicated above. In this case the lesser  $y$  equilibrium point is a sink, the greater one is a source. As  $\alpha$  increases to  $9/4$ , the equilibria get closer and closer together, until  $\alpha = 9/4$ , where we have one equilibrium point, a node, at  $y = -3/2$ . For  $\alpha > 9/4$ , there are no equilibria and our solutions are always increasing since  $dy/dt > 0$ .

3. (b) The ferrets survive for any initial value  $P_0 \geq 20$ . If  $P(0) = 20$  then the population is in equilibrium. If  $P(0) > 20$  then  $P(t) \rightarrow 60$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  since  $P = 60$  is a sink. However if  $P(0) < 20$ , then  $P(t)$  approaches the sink at  $P = 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

4. 

$t_k$	$y_k$
0.0	-0.375
0.5	-0.5
1.0	0.0
1.5	0.5

5. Let  $S(t)$  denote the total amount of salt (in grams) in the tank at time  $t$  (in days). Then  $S(0) = 4g/L \times 200L = 800g$

(a)  $\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{Sg}{200L} \times \frac{-8L}{day} = -\frac{S}{25} \cdot \frac{grams}{day}, \quad S(0) = 800g.$

(d)  $S(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

(e) No.  $S(t)$  would still go to 0 as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . It would just take slightly longer to do so. Note that  $\frac{dS}{dt} < 0$  for any  $S > 0$  so the total amount of salt approaches the equilibrium value of 0 as  $t$  increases.

6. (a) (i)  $y(t) > 3$  for all  $t$
- (ii)  $y(t) = 3$  for all  $t$
- (iii)  $0 < y(t) < 2$  for all  $t$
- (iv)  $y(t) < 0$  for all  $t$

7. (a) At the point  $(0, 0)$  there is a mini-tangent with a slope of 0 (horizontal).
- (b) At the point  $(2, 3)$  there is a mini-tangent with a slope of 10.