Spring 2002

QUIZ 1

1. 6 points A particle moves along a line, with velocity $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$ and initial position given by: $v = 1 + e^{-2t}$, s(0) = 1

Find the particle's position at time t.

- 2. 6 points A sailboat is running along a straight course with the wind providing a constant force of 100 lb. The only other force acting on the boat is water resistance, equal to 8 times the boat's speed. The boat starts at time t=0 with speed 2 feet/sec.
 - (a) Write down an Initial Value Problem (differential equation + initial condition) describing the boat's speed.
 - (b) What is the maximum velocity in feet per second?

3. 8 points Consider the following autonomous differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 + 2y - 3$$

- (a) Identify the equilibrium values. Which are stable and which are unstable?
- (b) Construct a phase line. Identify the signs of y' and y''.
- (c) Sketch several (significant) solution curves.

[You may answer all parts in one big diagram.]