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Assignment 3 Solutions
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1 a) equilibrium points: $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0$,

$$0 = 4(P-2)(200-P)$$

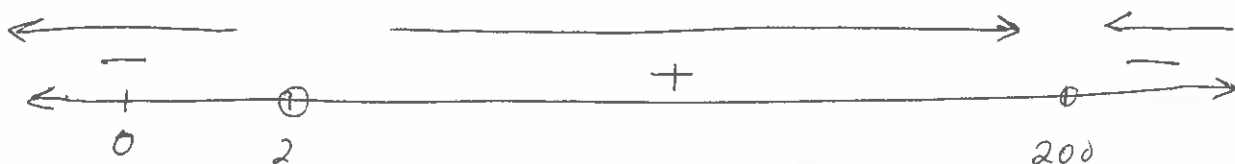
$$\therefore P = 2 \text{ or } P = 200$$

Phase line:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} < 0 \text{ iff } P < 2 \text{ and } P > 200$$

and

$$\frac{dP}{dt} > 0 \text{ iff } P > 2 \text{ and } P < 200$$



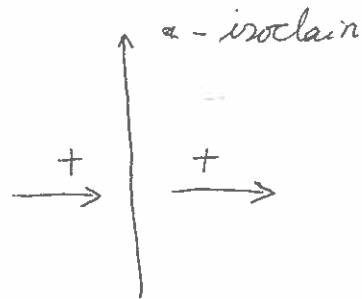
- b) if $P(0) = 1$, then the system will decrease asymptotically from $P = 2$,
if $P(0) = 150$, then the system will increase asymptotically towards $P = 200$.

- c) No, because if $P(0) = 2010$, then the system will then decrease towards $P = 200$, and will stay there i.e. $P = 200$ is stable point. So there is no initial point that can cause the population to grow or increase without bounds. Also as shown in (b) above, if $P = 1$, then the population will decrease asymptotically reaching negative values

2. a) Given $\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = -y$

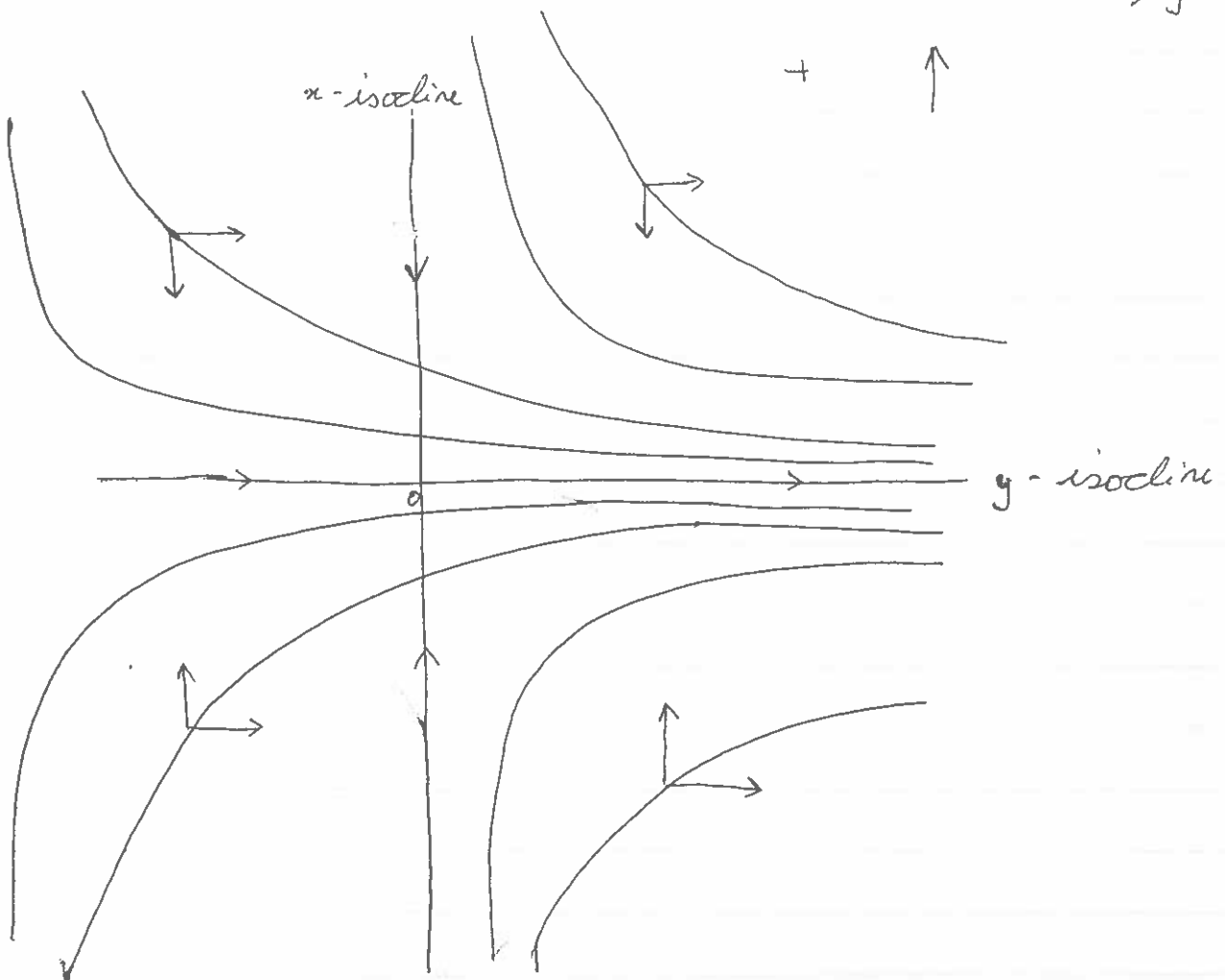
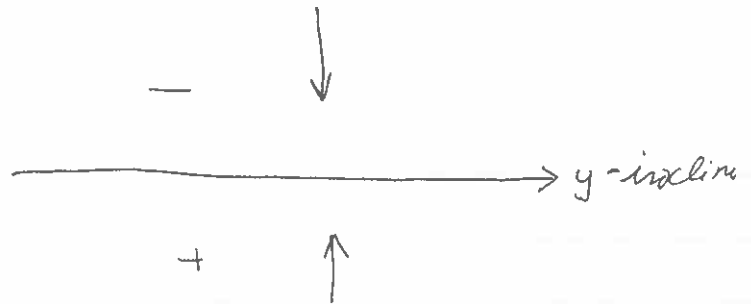
x-isocline: $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$

$\therefore y = 0$



y-isocline: $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$

$x^2 = 0$, $x = 0$



Equilibrium points: are points when both

$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$, and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$, hold.

That is at $(0,0)$.

Stability of the equilibrium points:

The equilibrium point is not stable.

Describing the outcome of the system.

The system if we start at $x = -1$, will decrease asymptotically from above the y -isocline and will at the same time increase asymptotically from below the y -isocline.

b) Given $\frac{dx}{dt} = x(y-1)$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2y$

x -isocline: $0 = x(y-1)$

$\therefore x = 0$, or $y = 1$

$\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$ iff $x < 0$ and $y < 1$
 $x > 0$ and $y > 1$

and

$\frac{dx}{dt} < 0$ iff $x < 0$ and $y > 1$
 $x > 0$ and $y < 1$

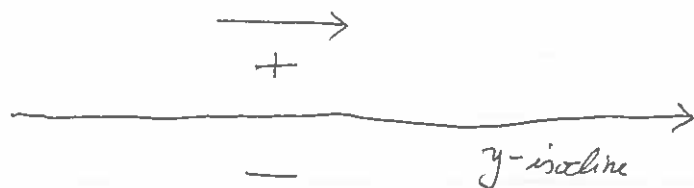
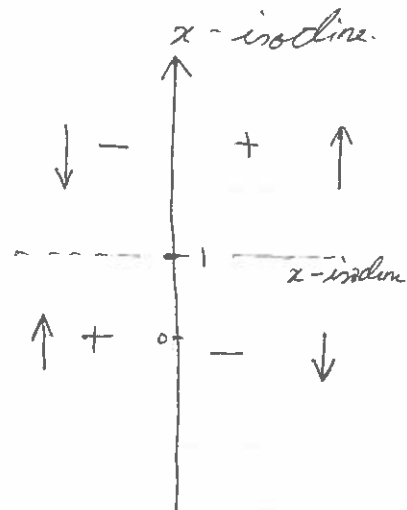
y -isocline: $0 = 2y$

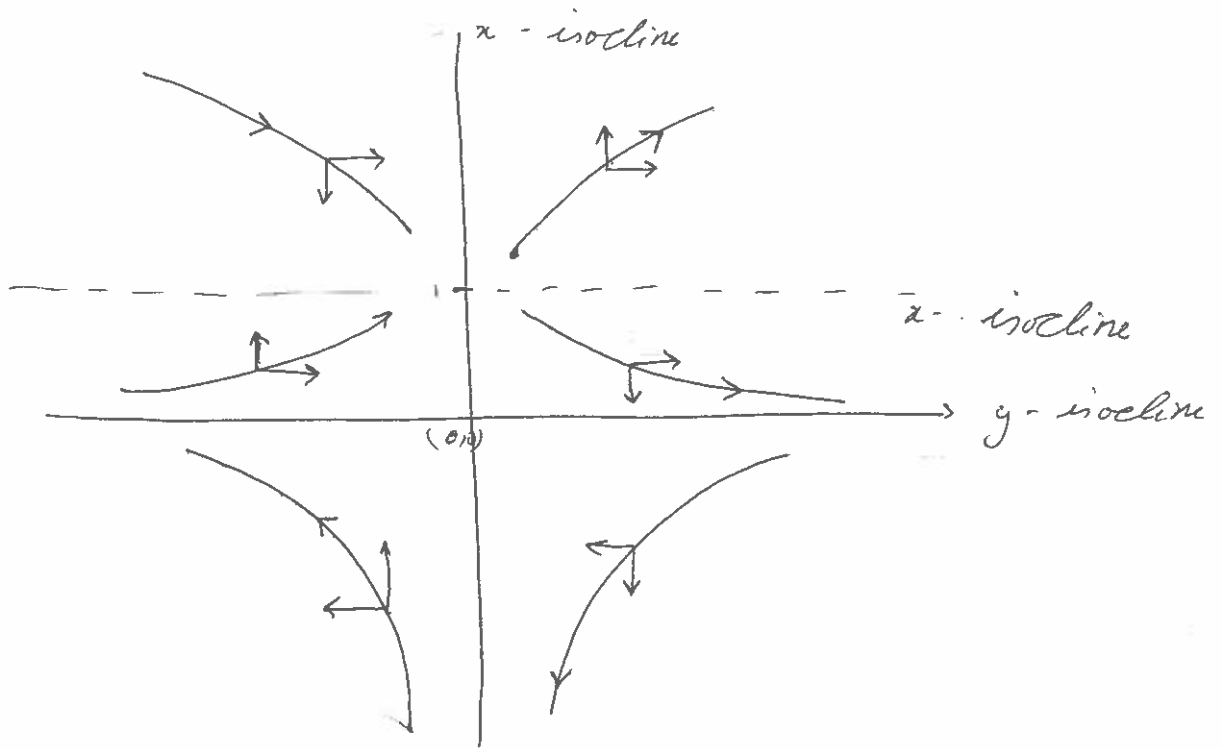
$\therefore y = 0$

$\frac{dy}{dt} > 0$ iff $y > 0$

and

$\frac{dy}{dt} < 0$ iff $y < 0$





Equilibrium points:

$(0,0)$ is the only equilibrium point when

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 = \frac{dy}{dt} \quad (\text{i.e. when } \frac{dx}{dt} \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} \text{ intersect})$$

Stability of the equilibrium points:

The equilibrium point is not stable.

Describing the outcome of the system:

The system will never approach asymptotically the equilibrium point $(0,0)$. For example if the system is disturbed from the equilibrium point, then it will never return from it again. That is the point will move away from the equilibrium point.

$$3. \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = (1 - x^2 - 2y)x \quad \left[\text{LEFT AS AN EXERCISE FOR THE EXAM} \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (1 - 2x - y)y$$

x - isocline: $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow (1 - x^2 - 2y)x = 0$

$$\therefore x = 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad 1 - x^2 - 2y = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \sqrt{1 - 2y}$$

Thus: $\frac{dx}{dt} < 0$ iff $-x^2 - 2y > 1$, and $x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow -x^2 > 1 + 2y$$

$$x^2 < -1 - 2y$$

$$\therefore x < \pm \sqrt{-1 - 2y}$$

but we must have $-1 - 2y > 0$

$$\Rightarrow -2y > 1$$

$$\therefore y < -\frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore: $\frac{dx}{dt} < 0$ iff $x < \pm \sqrt{-1 - 2y}$, $y < -\frac{1}{2}$, and $x > 0$

Similarly: $\frac{dx}{dt} < 0$ iff $-x^2 - 2y < 1$, $x < 0$

$$\Rightarrow -x^2 < 1 + 2y$$

$$x^2 > -1 - 2y$$

$$\therefore x > \pm \sqrt{-1 - 2y}$$

and $-1 - 2y > 0 \Rightarrow y < -\frac{1}{2}$

Therefore: $\frac{dx}{dt} < 0$ iff $x > \pm \sqrt{-1 - 2y}$, $y < -\frac{1}{2}$, and $x < 0$

also: $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$ iff $-x^2 - 2y < 1$, and $x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow -x^2 < 1 + 2y$$

$$\therefore x^2 > -1 - 2y$$

$$\therefore x > + \sqrt{-1 - 2y}$$

and $-1-2y > 0 \Rightarrow y < -\frac{1}{2}$

Therefore: $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$ iff $x > \pm \sqrt{-1-2y}$, and $x > 0$

Similarly: $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$ iff $-x^2 - 2y > 1$, $x < 0$
 $\Rightarrow -x^2 > 1+2y$
 $\therefore x^2 < -1-2y$

$x < \pm \sqrt{-1-2y}$
 but we must have $-1-2y > 0$
 $\Rightarrow -2y > 1$
 $\therefore y < -\frac{1}{2}$

Therefore: $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$ iff $x < \pm \sqrt{-1-2y}$, $y < -\frac{1}{2}$, $x < 0$

y-isocline: $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow (1-2x-y)y = 0$

$\therefore y = 0$, OR $1-2x-y = 0$
 $\therefore y = 1-2x = -2x-1$

$\frac{dy}{dt} < 0$ iff $-2x-y > 1$, and $y > 0$
 $\Rightarrow -y > 1+2x$
 $y < -2x-1$

but we must have: $-2x-1 > 0$
 $-2x > 1$

$x < -\frac{1}{2}$

Therefore: $\frac{dy}{dt} < 0$ iff $y < -2x-1$, $x < -\frac{1}{2}$, $y > 0$

Similarly: $\frac{dy}{dt} < 0$ iff $-2x - y < 1$, $y < 0$

$\Rightarrow -y < 1 + 2x$
 $\therefore y > -1 - 2x$

but we must have: $-1 - 2x < 0$
 $-2x < 1$
 $x > -\frac{1}{2}$

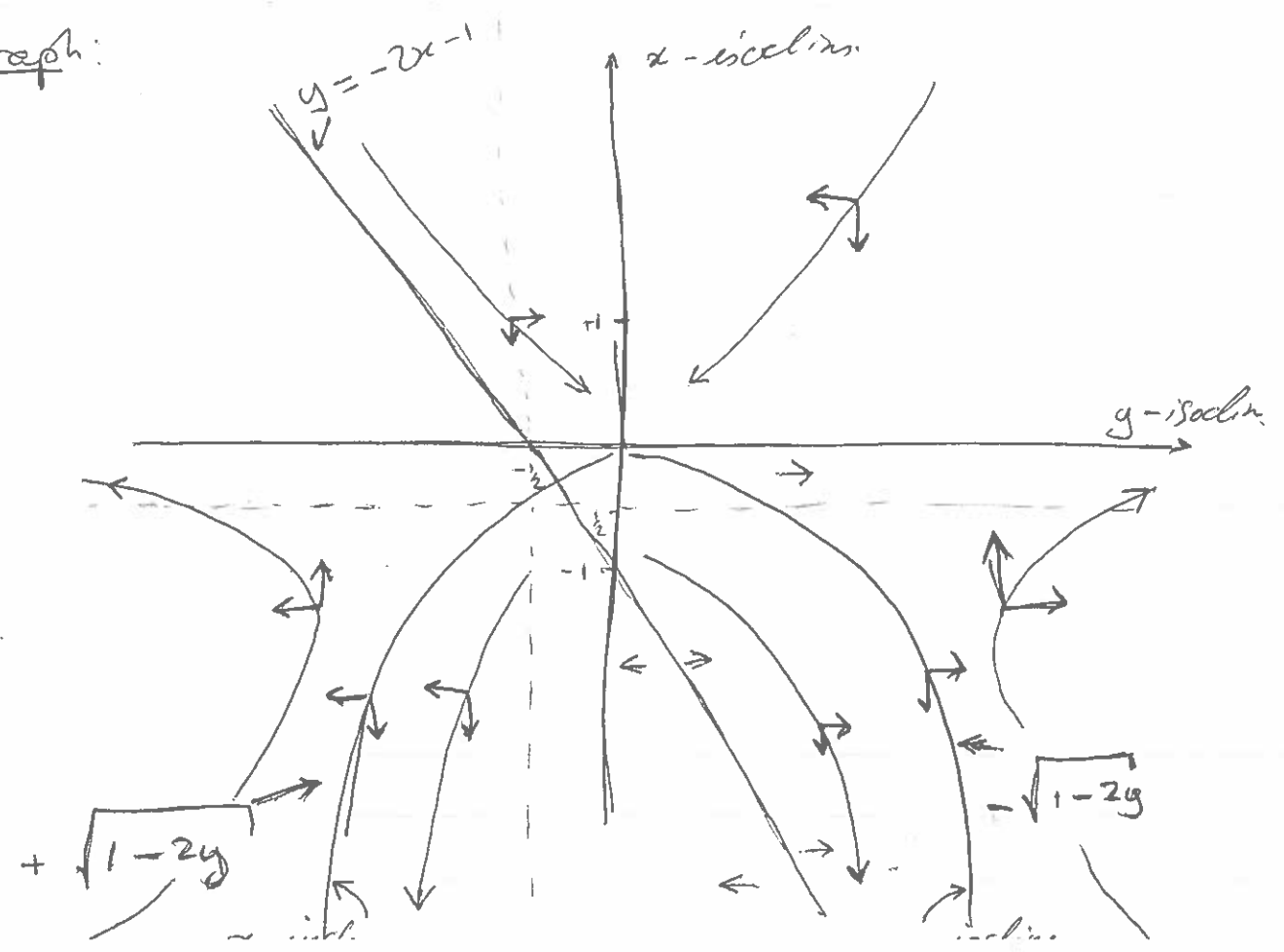
Therefore: $\frac{dy}{dt} < 0$ iff $-2x - y < 1$, $x > -\frac{1}{2}$, $y < 0$

and $\frac{dy}{dt} > 0$ iff $-2x - y > 1$, and $y > 0$
 $\Rightarrow -2x - 1 < y$

but we must have $x < -\frac{1}{2}$

Therefore: $\frac{dy}{dt} > 0$ iff $-2x - y > 1$, $x < -\frac{1}{2}$, $y > 0$

a) Graph:



- b) Yes, coexistence is possible because of the equilibrium point at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ which in this is unstable. This means that coexistence will be unstable.
- c) If the initial values of the system are $x(0) = 3$, $y(0) = 2$, then the system will move towards the equilibrium point $(0, 0)$ as it is evident from the first quadrant in the graph.

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