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A. Set y equal to zero and look at how the derivative behaves along the x axis.
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Go to this page to launch the phase plane plotter to check your answers. (Choose the "integral curves utility" from the applet menu, enter dx/dt=1 to identify the variables x and t and then enter the function you want for dy/dx = dy/dt = ....).

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This problem is harder, and doesn’t give you clues as to which matches you have right. Study the previous problem, if you are having trouble.

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2. \( y' = e^{-x} + 2y \)
3. \( y' = 2y + x^2e^{2x} \)
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