

# Exponential Change and Separable Differential Equations

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## 1 Exponential Change

Let  $y$  be the size of a population at time  $t$ .

$$y(t)$$

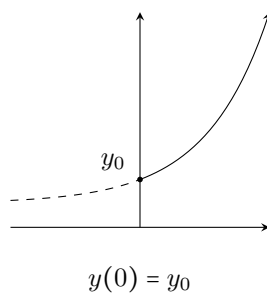
If rate of change of  $y$  is proportional to its size  $y$ ; then

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky, \quad k > 0 \text{ and the population is increasing.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dt} = k \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} dy \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int k dt \Rightarrow \ln |y| = kt + C$$

$$\ln |y| = kt + C \rightarrow e^{\ln y} = e^{kt+C} = e^C \cdot e^{kt} = C e^{kt}$$

$$|y| = C e^{kt} \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \pm C e^{kt}}$$



## 2 Separable Differential Equations

Let  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  where  $y = y(t)$ .

$f(x, y)$  is separable if  $f(x, y)$  can be expressed as  $g(x) \cdot h(y)$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = g(x) \cdot h(y) \quad \text{Multiply both sides by } dx \quad (1)$$

$$dy = f(x, y)dx = g(x) \cdot h(y) \cdot dx \quad (2)$$

$$dy = g(x) \cdot h(y)dx \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{1}{h(y)}dy = g(x)dx \quad (4)$$

which gives us:

$$\int \frac{1}{h(y)}dy = \int g(x)dx$$

### 2.1 Examples

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$$2\sqrt{xy}\frac{dy}{dx} = 1; \quad x, y > 0$$

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#20)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xy + 3x - 2y - 6$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x(y + 3) - 2(y + 3) \quad (5.1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (x - 2)(y + 3) \quad (5.2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \cdot dx = (x - 2)(y + 3) \cdot dx \quad (5.3)$$

$$dy = (x - 2)(y + 3) \cdot dx \quad (5.4)$$

$$\frac{1}{y + 3}dy = (x - 2) \cdot dx \quad (5.5)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y + 3} dy = \int (x - 2) dx \quad (5.6)$$

$$\boxed{\ln |y + 3| = \frac{1}{2}(x - 2)^2 + C} \quad (5.7)$$

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#16)

$$\sec x \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{y+\sin x}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos x} \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{y+\sin x} \quad (5.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x \cdot e^{y+\sin x} \quad (5.9)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x (e^y)(e^{\sin x}) \quad (5.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{e^y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x (e^{\sin x}) \quad (5.11)$$

$$\frac{1}{e^y} \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot dx = \cos x (e^{\sin x}) dx \quad (5.12)$$

$$\frac{1}{e^y} dy = \cos x (e^{\sin x}) dx \quad (5.13)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{e^y} dy = \int \cos x (e^{\sin x}) dx \quad (5.14)$$

$$\int e^{-y} dy = \int (e^{\sin x}) \cos x dx \quad (5.15)$$

$$u = -y \quad du = -dy \rightarrow -du = dy \quad \Bigg| \quad u = \sin x \quad du = \cos x dx \quad (5.16)$$

$$\int e^u du = \int e^u du \quad (5.17)$$

$$-e^u = e^u + k \quad (5.18)$$

$$-e^{-y} = e^{\sin x} + k \quad (5.19)$$

$$(5.20)$$

# Show that each function  $y = f(x)$  is a solution of the indicated DE.

$$2y' + 3y = e^{-x}$$

$$a) y = e^{-x}$$

$$b) y = e^{-x} + e^{\frac{-3}{2}x}$$

**Example** In a certain region, the population,  $P(t)$ , in thousand of people  $t$  year after census begin is approximated using an exponential growth model. The initial census showed  $P_0 = 90$  and the population 2 years later was 120.

a) Find a formula for  $P(t)$ .

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{kt} = P_0 (e^k)^t \quad (6.1)$$

$$P(0) = 90,000 \quad (6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(t) = 90,000 e^{kt} \quad (6.3)$$

$$\text{Two years later } t = 2 \quad P(2) = 120,000 \quad (6.4)$$

$$120,000 = 90,000 e^{kt} \quad (6.5)$$

$$12 = 9 e^{k \cdot 2} \quad (6.6)$$

$$\frac{12}{9} = (e^k)^2 \quad (6.7)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{12}{9}} = (e^k) \quad (6.8)$$

$$e^k = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (6.9)$$

$$P(t) = 90,000 \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^t \quad (6.10)$$

a) Find the population after 4 years  $\Rightarrow P(4) = 90,000 \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^4$

$$P(4) = 90,000 \left( \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 \right)^2 \quad (6.11)$$

$$P(4) = 90,000 \left( \frac{4}{3} \right)^2 \quad (6.12)$$

$$P(4) = 90,000 \left( \frac{16}{9} \right) \quad (6.13)$$

$$P(4) = 10,000(16) = 160,000 \quad (6.14)$$

$$(6.15)$$

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