

## 1.2] Integrals as General and Particular Solutions

In this section we consider diff. eq'n's of the form:

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)}$$

i.e the rate of change of  $y$  does not depend on  $y$ , it only depends on  $x$ .

Note: the gen. sol'n is given by

$$\boxed{y(x) = \int f(x)dx + C.}$$

### Examples

(#6)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x\sqrt{x^2+9}, \quad y(-4) = 0$

$$y(x) = \int x\sqrt{x^2+9} dx + C$$

is the general sol'n of the diff. eq'n.

$$\text{Substitution: } \begin{cases} u = x^2 + 9 \\ du = 2x dx \end{cases}$$

$$y(x) = \int \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{u} du + C$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} u^{1/2} du + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x^2 + 9)^{3/2} + C$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(x) = \frac{1}{3} (x^2 + 9)^{3/2} + C} \text{ is the}$$

gen. sol'n of the diff. eq'n.

$$y(-4) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} ((-4)^2 + 9)^{3/2} + C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} (25)^{3/2} + C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} (5)^3 + C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{125}{3}$$

$\therefore$  the particular sol'n of the diff. eq'n satisfying the initial condition  $y(-4) = 0$  is

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{3} \left[ (x^2 + 9)^{3/2} - 125 \right].$$

(#10)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = xe^{-x}, \quad y(0) = 1$

$$y(x) = \int xe^{-x} dx + C$$

Integration by parts:

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

$$fg = \int f'g + \int fg'$$

$$\int fg' = fg - \int f'g$$

$$\boxed{\int u dv = uv - \int v du}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u = x & dv = e^{-x} dx \\ du = dx & v = -e^{-x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(x) = \int x e^{-x} dx + C$$

$$= x \cdot (-e^{-x}) - \int -e^{-x} dx + C$$

$$= -xe^{-x} + \int e^{-x} dx + C$$

$$= -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + C$$

$$= -(x+1)e^{-x} + C \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\text{gen. sol'n}}$$

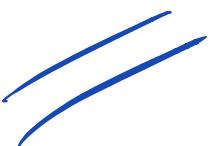
$$y(0)=1 \Rightarrow -(0+1)e^{-0} + C = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + C = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 2.$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(x) = -(x+1)e^{-x} + 2}$$

is the particular sol'n of the diff. eq'n that satisfies the initial condition.



## Velocity and Acceleration

Gravitational acceleration  $g$  at the surface of the Earth is

$$g \approx 32 \text{ ft/s}^2 \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2.$$

Let  $y(t)$  = height of object at time  $t$

$v(t)$  = velocity of object at time  $t$

$a(t)$  = acceleration of object at time  $t$ .

Then  $y'(t) = v(t)$  and  $v'(t) = a(t)$ .

Thus  $a(t) = -g$  (assuming no air resistance)

$$v(t) = -gt + v_0 \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{initial} \\ \text{velocity} \end{matrix}$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0 t + y_0 \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{initial} \\ \text{height} \end{matrix}$$

## Examples

(#27) A ball is thrown straight downward from the top of a tall building. The initial speed of the ball is 10 m/s. It strikes the ground with a speed of 60 m/s. How tall is the building?

$$a(t) = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad [v_0 = -10 \text{ m/s}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= -9.8t + v_0 \\ &= -9.8t - 10 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{9.8}{2}t^2 - 10t + y_0$$

$\hat{t}$  = time ball hits ground.

$$v(\hat{t}) = -60 \text{ m/s}$$

$$-9.8\hat{t} - 10 = -60$$

$$\hat{t} = \frac{-50}{-9.8} = \frac{500}{98} = \frac{250}{49} \approx 5.1 \text{ s}$$

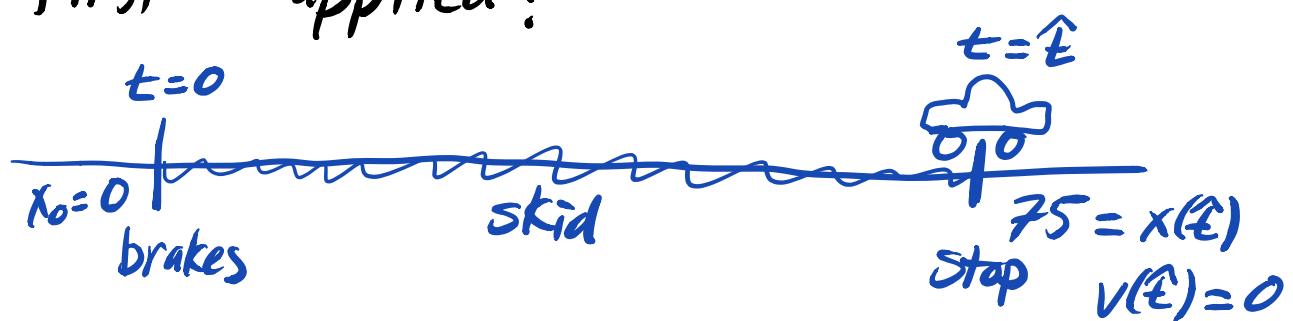
$$y(\hat{t}) = 0 \Rightarrow -4.9\hat{t}^2 - 10\hat{t} + y_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0 = 4.9\left(\frac{250}{49}\right)^2 + 10\left(\frac{250}{49}\right)$$

$$\therefore Y_0 = \frac{1250}{7} \approx 178.57 \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$  the building is approx. 178.57 m  
tall.

(#31) The skid marks made by an automobile indicated that its brakes were fully applied for a distance of 75 m before it came to a stop. The car in question is known to have a constant deceleration of  $20 \text{ m/s}^2$  under these conditions. How fast — in km/h — was the car traveling when the brakes were first applied?



$$a(t) = -20 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$v(t) = -20t + v_0$$

$$x(t) = -10t^2 + v_0 t + \cancel{x_0}^{70}$$

$$v_0 = ?$$

$$v(t) = 0 \Rightarrow -20\hat{t} + v_0 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow v_0 = 20\hat{t}$$

$$x(\hat{t}) = 75 \Rightarrow -10\hat{t}^2 + 20\hat{t}^2 = 75$$

$$\Rightarrow 10\hat{t}^2 = 75$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{t}^2 = \frac{75}{10} = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{t} = \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}} \approx 2.74 \text{ s}$$

$$\therefore v_0 = 20\hat{t} = 20 \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 10\sqrt{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_0 \approx 54.77 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_0 = 10\sqrt{30} \cdot \frac{3600}{1000} \text{ km/h}$$

$$\approx \boxed{197.18 \text{ km/h.}}$$

