

Unit 1 Lesson 2 Notes: Basic DE's

• $\dot{y} = ay$ is solved by $y = Ce^{at}$ where C is a constant.

• For an object represented by y above earth's surface,
 $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -g$

Separation of Variables

• Consider the case

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

Separate variables:

$$\int \frac{dy}{y-1} = \int dx \quad x$$

$$\log(y-1) = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$|y-1| = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} e^C$$

$$y = \left(\pm e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} e^C \right) + 1$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y + 1$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{2y} = \int 1 dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log(2y) = x$$

$$|2y| = e^{2x}$$

$$2y = \pm \frac{e^{2x} + C}{2e^{1/2}}$$

I was supposed to move everything that wasn't x to the left side:

$$\int \frac{dy}{2y+1} = \int 1 dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log(2y+1) = x + C$$

$$\log(2y+1) = 2x + C$$

$$|2y+1| = e^{2x} C$$

$$2y+1 = Ce^{2x} - \frac{1}{2}$$

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Ans. Yes! $y' + xy = x$ implies

$$y' = y(x-1)$$

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

$$\int \frac{dx}{y} = \int x-1 \, dx$$

$$\log y = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + C$$

Ans so on

Unit 1 Lesson 2 Problems: Basic DE's

11: Is $y' = 3x^2$ satisfied by $y = x^3 + 7$?

$$3x^2 = 3x^2 \checkmark$$

13: For what r does $y = e^{rx}$ satisfy

$$3y' = 2y?$$

$$3r e^{rx} = 2 e^{rx} \Rightarrow r = \frac{2}{3} \checkmark$$

37: Find a potential solution to

$$y'' = 0; \quad y = x \Rightarrow y' = 1 \Rightarrow y'' = 0 \checkmark$$