

Practice for Solving by Direct Integration

Why?

Exercise 1 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + x$ with $y(1) = 3$.

Exercise 2 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(5x)$ with $y(0) = 2$.

Exercise 3 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x + x$ with $y(0) = 10$.

Exercise 4 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xe^{3x}$ with $y(0) = 1$.

Exercise 5 Solve $\frac{dx}{dt} = e^t \cos(2t) + t$ with $x(0) = 3$.

Exercise 6 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} + 3e^{2x}$ with $y(0) = 2$.

Exercise 7 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$ for $y(0) = 0$. (This requires partial fractions or hyperbolic trigonometric functions.)

Exercise 8 Solve $y'' = \sin x$ for $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 2$.

Exercise 9 A spaceship is traveling at the speed $2t^2 + 1$ km/s (t is time in seconds). It is pointing directly away from earth and at time $t = 0$ it is 1000 kilometers from earth. How far from earth is it at one minute from time $t = 0$?

Exercise 10 Sid is in a car traveling at speed $10t + 70$ miles per hour away from Las Vegas, where t is in hours. At $t = 0$, Sid is 10 miles away from Vegas. How far from Vegas is Sid 2 hours later?

Exercise 11 Solve $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sin(t^2) + t$, $x(0) = 20$. It is OK to leave your answer as a definite integral.

Exercise 12 Solve $\frac{dy}{dt} = e^{t^2} + \sin(t)$, $y(0) = 4$. The answer can be left as a definite integral.

Learning outcomes:

Exercise 13 A dropped ball accelerates downwards at a constant rate 9.8 meters per second squared. Set up the differential equation for the height above ground h in meters. Then supposing $h(0) = 100$ meters, how long does it take for the ball to hit the ground.

Exercise 14 The rate of change of the volume of a snowball that is melting is proportional to the surface area of the snowball. Suppose the snowball is perfectly spherical. The volume (in centimeters cubed) of a ball of radius r centimeters is $(4/3)\pi r^3$. The surface area is $4\pi r^2$. Set up the differential equation for how the radius r is changing. Then, suppose that at time $t = 0$ minutes, the radius is 10 centimeters. After 5 minutes, the radius is 8 centimeters. At what time t will the snowball be completely melted?

Exercise 15 Find the general solution to $y''' = 0$. How many distinct constants do you need?
