

## Notes—Differential Equations Day 1 (Growth and Decay)

### Steps to solving Separable differential equations

1. Look at the equation and identify the x's and y's
  - Treat  $dx$  as an x and  $dy$  as a y
2. Separate the x's and y's, so that they are on opposite sides of the equation.
  - It is very important that *one side of the equation is multiplied by dx and the other by dy*. Note:  $dx$  and  $dy$  should **never** be in the denominator.
3. Integrate both sides
  - Once we integrate, we only need to add "+C" to one side of the equation
4. If possible, get the answer into  $y=f(x)$  form
5. If you are given an initial condition, solve for "+C" by plugging in the given x and y value

**Note: steps 4 and 5 may be interchanged sometimes**

Example 1 Solve each differential equation.

A.  $y' = \frac{2x}{y}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{y}$$

$$\int y \, dy = \int 2x \, dx$$

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

$$y^2 = 2x^2 + C$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{2x^2 + C}$$

C.  $(x^2 + 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = xy$

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

$$\ln|y| = \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2 + 1| + C$$

$$\ln|y| = \ln\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + C$$

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

$$y = e^{\ln\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \cdot e^C$$

$$y = C\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

$$u = x^2 + 1$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = x \, dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln|u| + C$$

B.  $y' = x^2 y$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 y$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int x^2 \, dx$$

$$\ln|y| = \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$$

$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{\frac{1}{3} x^3 + C}$$

$$y = e^{\frac{1}{3} x^3} \cdot e^C$$

$$y = C e^{\frac{1}{3} x^3}$$

D.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 \sin x$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int \sin x \, dx$$

$$-1y^{-1} = -\cos x + C$$

$$-\frac{1}{y} = -\cos x + C$$

$$\frac{1}{y} = \cos x + C$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\cos x + C}$$

Growth and Decay Models

"the rate of change of y is proportional to y" means  $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$   
 ↑ constant of proportionality

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int k dt$$

$$\ln|y| = kt + C$$

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

$$y = e^{kt} \cdot e^C$$

$y = Ce^{kt}$      $k > 0$  growth  
 $k < 0$  decay

★ "the rate of change of y is inversely proportional to y" means  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{k}{y}$

Example 2    The rate of change of y is proportional to y. When  $t = 0, y = 2$ . When  $t = 2, y = 4$ . Find the value of y when  $t = 3$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int k dt$$

$$y = Ce^{kt}$$

$$2 = Ce^{k(0)}$$

$$2 = C$$

$$y = 2e^{kt}$$

$(0, 2)$      $(2, 4)$

$$4 = 2e^{k(2)}$$

$$2 = e^{2k}$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln e^{2k}$$

$$\ln 2 = 2k \cdot \underbrace{\ln e}_1$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{2}$$

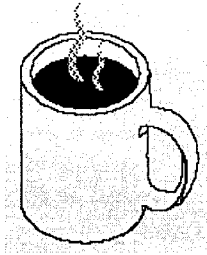
$$y = 2e^{\frac{\ln 2}{2}t}$$

$$y = 2e^{\frac{\ln 2}{2}(3)} = 5.657$$

A connection to precalculus . . .

**Newton's Law of Cooling**—the rate of change of the temperature of an object is proportional to the difference between the object's temperature and the temperature of the surrounding medium

$$\frac{dT_{obj}}{dt} = K(T_{obj} - T_{med})$$



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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k(y - 60)$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y-60} = \int k dt$$

$$e^{\ln|y-60|} = e^{kt+C}$$

$$y-60 = e^{kt} \cdot e^C$$

$$y-60 = C e^{kt}$$

$$y = 60 + C e^{kt}$$

$$100 = 60 + C e^{k(0)}$$

$$40 = C e^0$$

$$40 = C$$

$$y = 60 + 40 e^{kt}$$

$$90 = 60 + 40 e^{10k}$$

$$30 = 40 e^{10k}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = e^{10k}$$

$$\ln \frac{3}{4} = \ln e^{10k}$$

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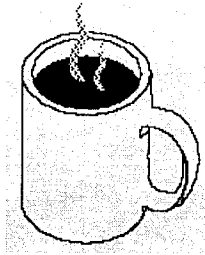
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