

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx \quad \begin{matrix} u = x^2 + 1 \\ \frac{du}{dx} = 2x \end{matrix}$$

$$\ln|y| = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + C \quad \frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\ln|y|} &= e^{\ln \sqrt{x^2 + 1} + C} \\ y &= e^{\ln \sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \cdot e^C \end{aligned}$$

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

B.  $y' = x^2 y$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\boxed{y = Ce^{\frac{1}{3}x^3}}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{\cos x + C}} \quad 2.6$$

## Growth and Decay Models

"the rate of change of  $y$  is proportional to  $y$ " means

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

↑ constant of proportionality

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

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

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

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

$$y = Ce^{kt}$$

$k > 0$  growth  
 $k < 0$  decay

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

"the rate of change of  $y$  is inversely proportional to  $y$ " means

### 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  $t = 3$ .

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

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

$$y = Ce^{kt}$$

$$\lambda = (e^{k(0)})$$

$$L = C$$

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

$$4 = Z e^{K(2)}$$

$$\lambda = e^{2K}$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln e^{\frac{1}{2k}}$$

$$\ln 2 = 2k \cdot \ln e$$

$$K = \frac{\ln Z}{2}$$

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

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

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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

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



**Example 3** Let  $y$  represent the temperature ( $F^\circ$ ) of an object in a room whose temperature is kept at a constant  $60^\circ$ . If the object cools from  $100^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$  in 10 minutes, how much longer will it take for its temperature to decrease to  $80^\circ$ ?

$$T_{obj} = y \quad T_{med} = 60^\circ \quad (0, 100^\circ) \quad (10, 90^\circ)$$

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

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

$$\ln |y - 60^\circ| = kt + C$$

$$y - 60^\circ = Ce^{kt}$$

$$y = 60^\circ + Ce^{kt}$$

$$100^\circ = 60^\circ + Ce^{k(0)}$$

$$40^\circ = C$$

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

$$90^\circ = 60^\circ + 40^\circ e^{k(10)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{\ln \frac{3}{4}}{10} t$$

$$y = 60^\circ + 40^\circ e^{\frac{\ln \frac{3}{4}}{10} t}$$

$$80^\circ = 60^\circ + 40^\circ e^{\frac{\ln \frac{3}{4}}{10} t}$$

$$t = 24.094 \text{ mins}$$

$$\boxed{14.094 \text{ mins}}$$

how much longer