

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

⊛ $Q'(t) = k Q(t) \Rightarrow Q(t) = C e^{kt}$, for any C ← remember

$\downarrow_{t=0}$

\rightarrow If $Q(0) = Q_0$: $Q_0 = C e^0 = C \Rightarrow C = Q_0$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q(t) = Q_0 e^{kt}}$

\rightarrow If $k > 0$: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Q(t) = +\infty$

\rightarrow If $k < 0$: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Q(t) = 0$

separable DEs : $y' = g(x) f(y)$ (DE)

If $y(0) = y_0$ given (an initial condition)

$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y' = g(x) f(y) \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{array} \right. = \text{initial value problem (I.V.P.)}$

- \rightarrow without $y(0) = y_0 \rightarrow$ solution has arbitrary constant
- \rightarrow with $y(0) = y_0 \rightarrow$ constant becomes specific

$$y' = g(x) f(y)$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) f(y)$$

"Cross"-multiply: ~~$\frac{dy}{dx}$~~ $\frac{1}{f(y)} dy = g(x) dx$

Integrate $\int \frac{1}{f(y)} dy = \int g(x) dx$ with respect to x

with respect
to y

$$\int \frac{1}{f(y)} dy = \int g(x) dx$$

Examples:

① $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$

$\rightarrow y dy = -x dx$

$\rightarrow \int y dy = -\int x dx$

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

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

implicit solution

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

• If $y=0$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow y = \text{constant}$

(independent of x)

$\rightarrow y=0$ for all x (A)

• If $y \neq 0$:

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

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

$$\Rightarrow |y| = e^{\frac{x^2}{2} + C} = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot \boxed{e^C} = C e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

just a constant

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm C e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} = \hat{C} e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad \text{(B)}$$

incorporated " \pm "
in it

Result: (A), (B) can be merged into $y = A e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$, allowing
 A to be 0 (to get (A))

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{2y + \cos y}, \quad y(0) = \pi \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{dy}{dx}} \right\} \text{I.V.P.}$$

slu: $(2y + \cos y) dy = x^2 dx$

$$\Rightarrow \int (2y + \cos y) dy = \int x^2 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2(x) + \sin(y(x)) = \frac{x^3}{3} + C \quad (\text{general } \begin{matrix} \text{implicit} \\ \text{solution} \end{matrix})$$

To find C: plug in $x=0$

$$y^2(0) + \sin y(0) = \frac{0^3}{3} + C \quad \begin{matrix} y(0) = \pi \\ \Rightarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\pi^2 + \sin \pi = 0 + C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = \pi^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y^2(x) + \sin(y(x)) = \frac{x^3}{3} + \pi^2}$$

↳ slu to the I.V.P.