

6.2&6.3: Separation of Variables/Differential Equations

The rate of change of y is directly proportional to t .

$$y' = kt$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{dt} = \int kt dt$$

$$y = \frac{kt^2}{2} + C \quad \text{or} \quad y = kt^2 + C$$

multiply
 k : constant of proportionality

The rate of change of y is inversely proportional to the square root of t

$$y' = \frac{k}{\sqrt{t}}$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{dt} = kt^{-1/2} dt$$

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

$$y = 2kt^{1/2} + C \quad \text{or} \quad y = kt^{1/2} + C$$

divide

The rate of change of y is proportional to y .

$$y' = ky$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{ky}{1}$$

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

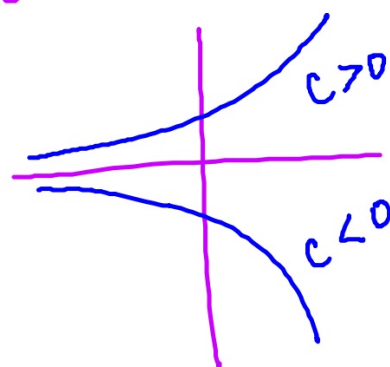
$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{kt + C}$$

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

Directly proportional =
proportional

$$e^C = C$$

$$y = Ce^{kt}$$



If $dy/dx = 2y^2$ and if $y = -1$ when $x = 1$, then when $x = 2$, $y =$

- (A) $-2/3$ (B) $-1/3$ (C) 0 (D) $1/3$ (E) $2/3$

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

$(1, -1)$

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

Bacteria in a certain culture increase at a rate proportional to the number present. If the number of bacteria doubles in three hours, in how many hours will the number of bacteria triple?

t : hours
 y : # bacteria

(A) $\frac{3 \ln 3}{\ln 2}$

(B) $\frac{2 \ln 3}{\ln 2}$

(C) $\frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2}$

(D) $\ln\left(\frac{27}{2}\right)$

(E) $\ln\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)$

$$y' = ky$$

$$y = Ce^{kt}$$

(0, 1)
 (3, 2)

(0, 1)
 $1 = Ce^0$
 $1 = C$
 $y = e^{kt}$

(3, 2)
 $\ln 2 = \ln e^{3k}$
 $\ln 2 = 3k$
 $\frac{\ln 2}{3} = k$

$$y = e^{\frac{\ln 2}{3}t}$$

$\ln 3 = \ln e^{\frac{\ln 2}{3}t}$
 $\ln 3 = t \frac{\ln 2}{3}$
 $\frac{\ln 3}{\frac{1}{3} \ln 2} = t$
 $\frac{3 \ln 3}{\ln 2} = t$

If $dy/dx = x^2y$, then y could be

(A) $3\ln\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$

(B) $e^{\frac{x^3}{3}} + 7$

(C) $2e^{\frac{x^3}{3}}$

(D) $3e^{2x}$

(E) $\frac{x^3}{3} + 1$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int x^2 dx$$
$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{\frac{1}{3}x^3 + C}$$
$$y = e^{\frac{1}{3}x^3} (e^C)$$
$$y = C e^{\frac{1}{3}x^3}$$

$$x^{2+3}$$
$$x^2 \cdot x^3$$

At each point on a certain curve, the slope of the curve is $3x^2y$. If the curve contains the point $(0,8)$, then its equation is

(A) $y = 8e^{x^3}$

(B) $y = x^3 + 8$

(C) $y = e^{x^3} + 7$

(D) $y = \ln(x+1) + 8$ (E) $y^2 = x^3 + 8$

$$y' = 3x^2y$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2y$$
$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int 3x^2 dx$$

$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{x^3 + C}$$
$$y = Ce^{x^3} \quad (0,8)$$
$$8 = Ce^0$$
$$8 = C$$