

Diff E-Q

Calculus Lyrics by Denise Fuji McCleary

[Sung to “*Can’t Help Falling in Love*” by G.D. Weiss
which was made famous by Elvis (Presley not Costello)]

Diff EQs

Are such fun to solve

We could start drawing a nice slope field

Diff EQs

Need just four steps

If we could just remember those four steps

First we separate

Then we integrate

Now we solve for C

Then we just – we solve for y

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From our friends at ETS College Board

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$, where $y \neq 0$

Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(3) = -1$ AND state its domain.

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

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

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

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

$$(-1)^2 = (3)^2 + C \quad \therefore C = -8$$

$$y^2 = x^2 - 8$$
$$y = -\sqrt{x^2 - 8}$$

$$x > \sqrt{8}$$

$(3, -1)$
↑

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Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2(y-1)$

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= x^2(y-1) \\ \frac{1}{y-1} dy &= x^2 dx \\ \int \frac{1}{y-1} dy &= \int x^2 dx \\ \ln|y-1| &= \frac{x^3}{3} + C \\ e^{\ln|y-1|} &= e^{\frac{x^3}{3} + C} \quad \text{use } (0,3) \\ y-1 &= C e^{\frac{x^3}{3}} \\ 3-1 &= C e^{\frac{0^3}{3}} \quad \therefore C = 2 \\ y-1 &= 2 e^{\frac{x^3}{3}} \\ y &= 1 + 2 e^{\frac{x^3}{3}}\end{aligned}$$