

SOLVING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Period

1. FIND GENERAL SOLUTION.

a,  $dy/dx = 1/x^2$

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

b,  $dy/dx = 1/x$

$y = \ln|x| + C$

2. FIND PARTICULAR SOLUTION

TO THE INITIAL VALUE PROBLEM

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(x), y(\pi) = \frac{1}{2}$

$y = \int \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x) + C$

$\frac{1}{2} = -\cos(\pi) + C \rightarrow y = -\cos(x) - \frac{1}{2}$

USING FTC:

$y(x) = y(\pi) + \int_{\pi}^x \sin(t) dt$

$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \int_{\pi}^x \sin(t) dt$

$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} - (\cos x - \cos \pi)$

$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \cos(x) - 1$

3. SOLVE FOR y, FIND y VALUE, GRAPH.

$\int dy/dx = 3x^2, y(1) = 2$

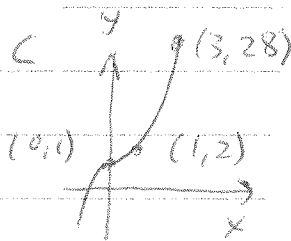
FIND y(3). GRAPH

$y = \int 3x^2 dx = x^3 + C$

$2 = 1^3 + C$

$y = x^3 + 1$

$y(3) = 3^3 + 1 = 28$



USING FTC:

$y(x) = y(1) + \int_1^x 3t^2 dt$

$y(3) = y(1) + \int_1^3 3t^2 dt = 2 + [t^3]_1^3 = 2 + 3^3 - 1 = 28$

4. SAME INSTRUCTIONS AS ABOVE.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(e^x), y(0) = 1$   
FIND y(2). GRAPH.

ANTIDERIVATIVE FORMULA FOR

$\cos(e^x)$  ?

WRONG ANSWERS:  $\sin(e^x), \sin(e^x)/e^x$

USING FTC:

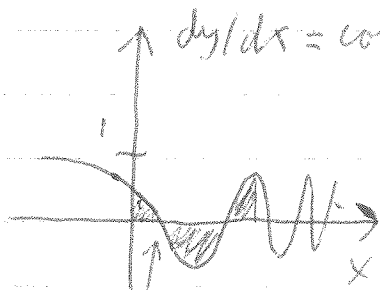
$y(x) = y(0) + \int_0^x \cos(e^t) dt$

$y(x) = 1 + \int_0^x \cos(e^t) dt$

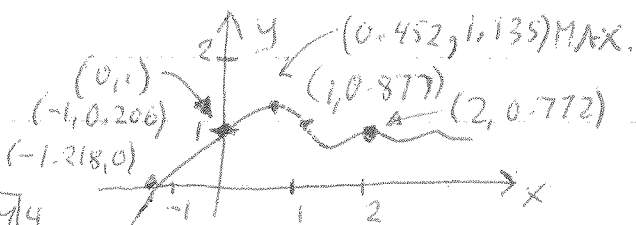
ANSWER. ☺

$y(2) = 1 + \int_0^2 \cos(e^t) dt$

$\approx 1 - 0.2277 \approx 0.772$



MAX for y  
x = 0.452



ZOOM 4

WINDOW Xres = 3

TOLERANCE Bigger

$y = 1 + \text{fnInt}(\cos(e^x), x, 0, x, 0.01)$