

Please show **all** your work! Answers without supporting work will not be given credit.  
Write answers in spaces provided.

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1. [2 pts] Circle the technique you think is easiest to find the general solution of the differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{2}{3}y$$

**Don't Solve!**

- A) Exponential Growth and Decay Formula
- B) Separable Functions
- C) First-Order Linear Equations

**Solution:** The easiest is technique to use is **A) Exponential Growth and Decay Formula**, which is

$$y' = ky \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = Ce^{kt}$$

Hence  $y = Ce^{-(2/3)t}$ .

2. [4 pts] What is the **integrating factor** of the following differential equation?

$$y' + (\cot(x))y = \sin^2(x)$$

**Solution:** Note that the differential equation is already in Standard Form.

So  $P(x) = \tan(x)$  [1 pt].

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= \exp \left[ \int P(x) dx \right] = \exp \left[ \int \cot(x) dx \right] \\ &= \exp \left[ \int \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} dx \right] \\ &\stackrel{u=\sin(x)}{=} \exp \left[ \int \frac{1}{u} du \right] = \exp [\ln(u)] = u = \sin(x) \quad [3 \text{ pts}] \end{aligned}$$

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3. [4 pts] What is the **integrating factor** of the following differential equation?

$$(x+1)\frac{dy}{dx} - 2(x^2+x)y = \frac{e^{x^2}}{x+1}$$

**Solution:** First get the differential equation is already in Standard Form. i.e.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2(x^2+x)}{x+1}y = \frac{e^{x^2}}{(x+1)^2} \quad [1 \text{ pt}]$$

So  $P(x) = -\frac{2(x^2+x)}{x+1} = -\frac{2x(x+1)}{x+1} = -2x$  [1 pt].

$$u(x) = \exp\left[\int P(x) dx\right] = \exp\left[\int -2x dx\right] = \exp[-x^2] = e^{-x^2} \quad [2 \text{ pts}]$$