

First order differential equation

Solve the following equation: $dy/dx = \frac{e^x - y}{x}$

Solution

Given:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x - y}{x}$$

Rewriting:

$$x \, dy + (y - e^x) \, dx = 0$$

We observe that $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1 = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$, where $M = x$ and $N = y - e^x$. Integrating:

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \, dy &= xy \\ \int (y - e^x) \, dx &= yx - e^x \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$xy - e^x = C$$

Thus,

$$y(x) = \frac{e^x + C}{x}$$