

**Answer on Question #79192 – Math – Differential Equations:**

**Question:** Let A be a constant. Find the general solution of  $y' - A y = 0$ .

(a).  $y = c e^{Ax}$

(b).  $y = -c e^{Ax}$

(c).  $y = e^{Ax}$

(d).  $y = -e^{Ax}$

**Solution:** Differential equation is given by

$$y' - A y = 0,$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dy}{dx} - A y = 0, \quad [\text{As } y' = \frac{dy}{dx}]$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = A,$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{y} dy = A dx \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Now integrating both sides of equation (1) and we get

$$\ln(y) = Ax + \ln(c), \quad [\text{where } \ln c \text{ is integration constant;}]$$

$$\text{or } \ln\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) = Ax,$$

$$\text{or } \frac{y}{c} = e^{Ax},$$

$$\text{or } y = c e^{Ax}.$$

**Answer:** option (a) is correct.