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The quiz is worth 5 points. Please make your work coherent, complete, and correct. Please **CIRCLE** your answer. Please **CHECK** your answer whenever possible.

The solution will be posted later today.

**No Calculators, computers, smart phones, notes, etc.**

**Quiz 1, January 23, 2018**

Find a function  $y = f(x)$  which solves the differential equation with the prescribed initial condition:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xe^{-x} \quad \text{and} \quad y(0) = 1.$$

Answer: We compute

$$y = \int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int xe^{-x} dx.$$

Use integration by parts. Let  $u = x$  and  $dv = e^{-x} dx$ . Compute  $du = dx$  and  $v = -e^{-x}$ . The integration by parts formula is

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du.$$

Thus,

$$y = -xe^{-x} + \int e^{-x} dx = -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + C.$$

We check this much before going further:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + e^{-x} = xe^{-x},$$

as expected. Now we evaluate the constant:

$$1 = y(0) = -1 + C.$$

So  $C = 2$  and  $y = -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + 2$ .