



Graph of $q = 2(1 - e^{-10t})$, solution of a differential equation.

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $q \rightarrow 2C$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} V_C &= \frac{1}{C} \int i dt \\ &= \frac{1}{C} q \\ &= \frac{1}{0.02} 2(1 - e^{-10t}) \\ &= 100(1 - e^{-10t}) \end{aligned}$$

For comparison, here is the solution of the DE using **variables separable**:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = 10(2 - q)$$

$$\frac{dq}{2 - q} = 10 dt$$

$$-\ln|2 - q| = 10t + K$$

(We could continue and get the same expression as above.)

Since $t = 0$, $q = 0$, we have $K = -\ln 2$.

Then we use the integration formula (found in our [standard integral table](#)):

$$\int e^{mt} \cos nt \, dt = \frac{e^{mt}}{m^2 + n^2} (m \cos nt + n \sin nt)$$

We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{25t} q &= 8.5 \int e^{25t} \cos 150t \, dt \\ &= 8.5 \frac{e^{25t}}{23125} (25 \cos 150t + 150 e^{25t} \sin 150t) \\ &= 0.0092 e^{25t} \cos 150t + 0.055 e^{25t} \sin 150t + K \end{aligned}$$

Dividing throughout by e^{25t} gives:

$$q = 0.0092 \cos 150t + 0.055 \sin 150t + K e^{-25t}$$

We now need to find K :

$$q(0) = -0.05 \text{ means } K = -0.05 - 0.0092 = -0.0592$$

So this gives us:

$$q = 0.0092 \cos 150t + 0.055 \sin 150t - 0.0592 e^{-25t}$$

Method Using Scientific Notebook

We set up the differential equation and the initial conditions in a **matrix** (not a table) as follows:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} + 25q = 8.5 \cos 150t$$

$$q(0) = -0.05$$

Choosing **Solve ODE - Exact** from the **Compute** menu gives:

Exact solution is:

$$q(t) = 0.0092 \cos 150t + 0.055 \sin 150t - 0.059 e^{-25t}$$

The graph for $q(t)$ is as follows: