

**Problem 10 in Section 1.2.** Solve the Initial Value Problem

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

**Solution.** We use Integration by Parts:

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

Take  $u = x$  and  $dv = e^{-x}$ . Compute  $du = dx$  and  $v = -e^{-x}$ . Separate the variables and integrate

$$\begin{aligned} \int 1 \, dy &= \int xe^{-x} \, dx \\ y &= -xe^{-x} - \int -e^{-x} \, dx \\ y &= -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + C \end{aligned}$$

Plug in  $1 = y(0)$  to see that

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

Conclude that

$$\boxed{y = -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + 2}.$$

**Check.** We compute  $y' = -x(-e^{-x}) - e^{-x} + e^{-x} = xe^{-x}$ . ✓ and  $y(0) = 0 - 1 + 2 = 1$ . ✓