Separation of variables Template

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Goal: Find an analytic solution to a separable DE: f(y)dy = g(t)dt

Example: y'=2y, y(0)=1. Solve this IVP and determine how long it takes for the initial amount to double.

Clear variables

```
y =.
t =.
```

Separate by hand first: 1/y dy = 2 dt

```
f = 1 / y
```

$$\frac{1}{y}$$

```
g = 2
```

```
2
```

Integrate both sides:

```
LHS = Integrate[f, y]
```

```
Log[y]
```

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RHS = Integrate[g, t] + C
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```
C + 2 t
```

```
gensln = Solve[RHS == LHS, y]
```

```
{{y → e^(C+2 t)}}
```

Trick to eliminate both sets of braces:

```
gensln = y /. gensln[[1]][[1]]
```

```
e^(C+2 t)
```

Specify initial conditions:

```
t0 = 0
```

```
0
```

```
y0 = 3
```

```
3
```

Use the initial conditions to olve for the arbitrary constant.

```
IC = Solve[y0 == gensln /. t → t0, C]
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Solve::ifun : Inverse functions are being used by Solve, so some solutions may not be found.
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{{C → Log[3]}}
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Use the value of the constant in the general solution to obtain the particular solution.

```
sln = gensln /. IC[[1]]
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ℯ^(2 t+Log[3])
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Simplify[sln]
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```
3 ℯ^(2 t)
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{3 ℯ^(2 t)}
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{3 ℯ^(2 t)}
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```
doubletime = Solve[sln == 2 * y0, t]
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$$\left\{\left\{t \to \frac{\text{Log}[2]}{2}\right\}\right\}$$

```
N[doubletime[[1]] ]
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```
{t → 0.346574}
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