

Section 31.1: cont'd

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example: Consider the following DE:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy$$

Is $y = x^2$ a solution?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \quad \text{from } y = x^2$$

plus into

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy$$

$$2x = 2x x^2$$

$$2x = 2x^3$$

X

conclusion: NO

two types of solutions:

explicit \rightarrow solve for y

$$x^2 + y^2 = cx \quad \leftarrow \text{not explicit}$$

$$y^2 = \underline{cx - x^2}$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{cx - x^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{now it's explicit}$$

implicit

$$\rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = cx \quad \leftarrow \text{can stop here}$$

\rightarrow do not need to solve for any particular variable