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**SPECIAL TRICKS THAT CAN KEEP
VARIABLE SEPARABLE METHOD
CLEAN AND SIMPLE**

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- **Type 2:** $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y)$

Example 8

Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = x(2y + 1)$.

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2}{2y + 1} dy = \int x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln |2y + 1| = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\ln |2y + 1| = x^2 + 2C$$

$$|2y + 1| = e^{x^2 + 2C}$$

$$2y + 1 = \pm e^{2C} e^{x^2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} (Ae^{x^2} - 1), \quad \text{where } A = \pm e^{2C}$$

Quick Practice

Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2(1 - 2y)$.

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{-2}{1 - 2y} dy = \int x^2 dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \ln |1 - 2y| = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

$$\ln |1 - 2y| = -\frac{2x^3}{3} - 2C$$

$$1 - 2y = \pm e^{-2C} e^{-\frac{2x^3}{3}}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - Ae^{-\frac{2x^3}{3}} \right), \quad \text{where } A = \pm e^{-2C}$$



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Explanation

When executing the separation of variables method, treat the differential positions as anchors and cross-multiply variable terms toward their matching differentials on either side.

It is highly advantageous to leave numerical coefficients on the right-hand side, as keeping the left-hand side minimal prevents unnecessarily complex integration steps and reduces algebraic errors.

However, care must be taken with composite expressions, as terms bound by addition or subtraction must be moved collectively as a single algebraic unit.

Maintaining this clean separation ensures a streamlined path through the integration phase, ultimately facilitating a more systematic and efficient solution.

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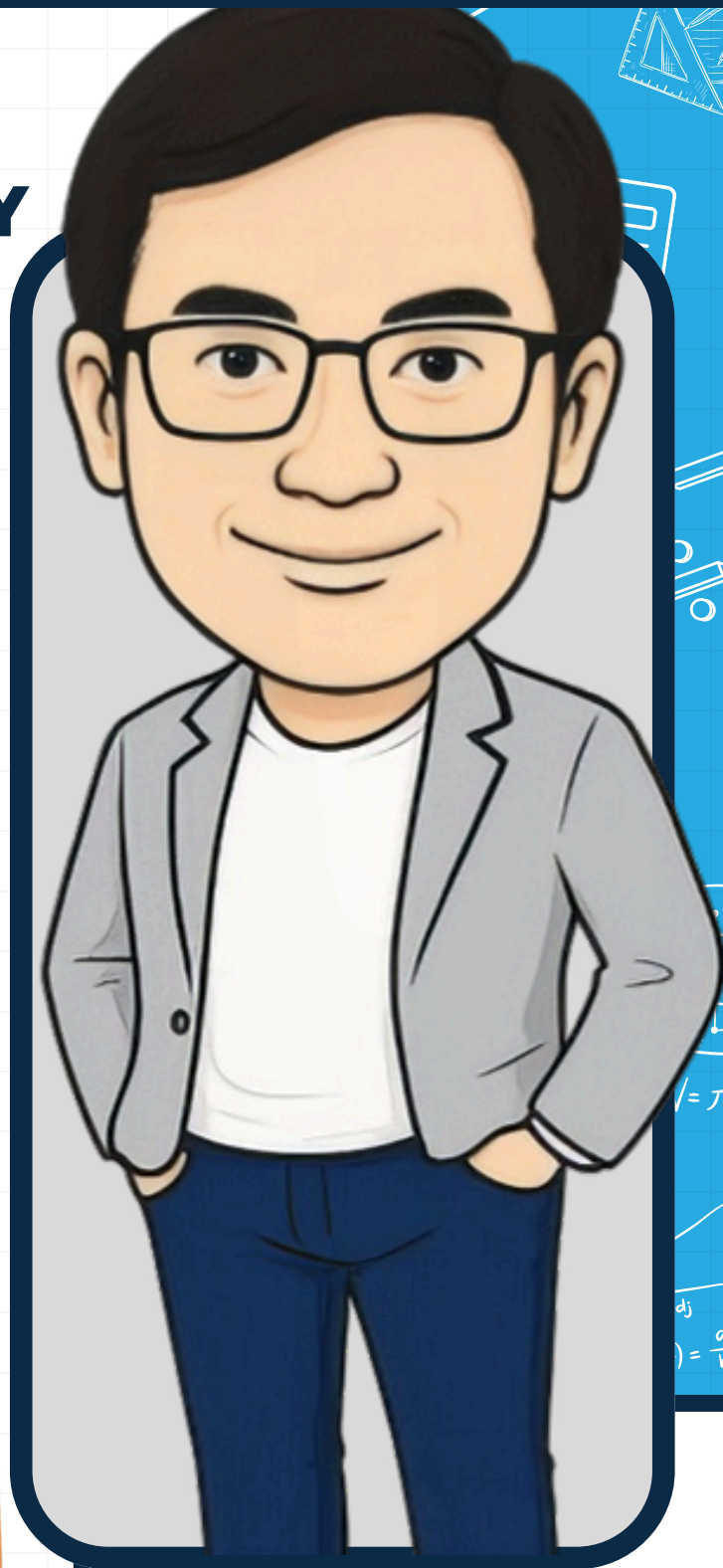
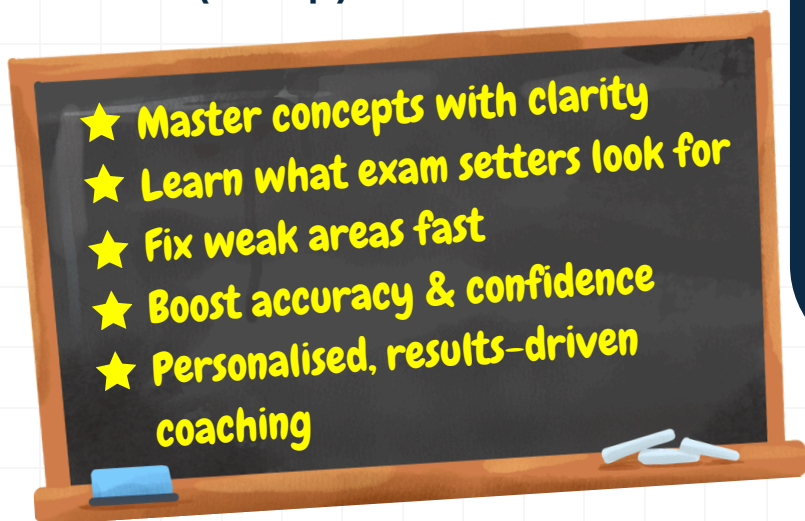
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