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The solution to  $\frac{df}{dt} = kf$  is  $Ce^{kt}$ , with  $C$  an integration constant

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$$\frac{df(t)}{dt} = k(t)f(t)$$

$$\frac{1}{f(t)} df(t) = k(t)dt$$

$$\ln(f(t)) = \int k(t) dt$$

$$f(t) = e^{\int_0^t k(x) dx}$$

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earlier:  $\frac{df}{dt} = kf \Rightarrow f(t) = f_0 e^{kt}$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \psi \Rightarrow \psi(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar} \psi_0 \quad ?!$$

is this correct?

$$\hat{H}(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{H}_1 & 0 < t < \tau \\ \hat{H}_2 & t > \tau \end{cases}$$

$$\psi(t) = e^{-i(\hat{H}_1 \tau + \hat{H}_2 (t-\tau))/\hbar} \psi_0$$

we should also be able to write:  $\psi(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}_2 (t-\tau)/\hbar} e^{-i\hat{H}_1 \tau/\hbar} \psi_0$ , then we

require that  $\hat{H}_1$  and  $\hat{H}_2$  commute, as

$$e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B}} = e^{\hat{B} + \hat{A}} \text{ if } [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$$