## Math 2A First Order ODE Practice: Identifying the Approach to Solving a DE

| To show that a DE is | first write it in the standard form (identify values of all | prove that | change standard form by | in new DE, prove that |
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|  | constants \& functions in template) |  |  |  |
| separable | $\frac{d y}{d x}=g(x) p(y)$ | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| linear | $\frac{d y}{d x}+p(x) y=g(x)$ | N/A | multiply by $\mu(x)=e^{\int p(x) d x}$ | $a_{0}(x)=\frac{d}{d x} a_{1}(x)$ |
|  |  |  | to get $a_{1}(x) \frac{d y}{d x}+a_{0}(x) y=b(x)$ |  |

exact after integrating factor involving only $x$
exact after integrating factor involving only $y$
exact after integrating factor of form $x^{a} y^{b}$
first write it in the standard form prove that
(identify values of all constants \& functions in template)
$\frac{d y}{d x}=g(x) p(y)$
$\frac{d y}{d x}+p(x) y=g(x)$
change standard form by
multiply by $\mu(x)=e^{\int p(x) d x} \quad a_{0}(x)=\frac{d}{d x} a_{1}(x)$
to get $a_{1}(x) \frac{d y}{d x}+a_{0}(x) y=b(x)$
exact

