

$$e^{kt_1} T(t_1) - e^{k \cdot 0} T(0) = \int_0^{t_1} k e^{kt} A(t) dt$$

But  $e^{k \cdot 0} T(0) = T(0) = T_0$  which is known.

$$\text{So } e^{kt_1} T(t_1) = T_0 + \int_0^{t_1} k e^{kt} A(t) dt$$

$$T(t_1) = T_0 e^{-kt_1} + e^{-kt_1} \int_0^{t_1} k e^{kt} A(t) dt$$

So we have a precise formula in terms of the initial condition  $T_0$  and the definite integral of an expression involving  $A(t)$ .

A general idea is that using definite integrals makes the management of constants of integration more precise.