

**Solution** (#1597) If  $x(t)$  is the solution of the initial-value problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (1+x)e^x, \quad x(0) = 0,$$

then for any time  $t_0$  and corresponding  $x_0 = x(t_0)$  we have

$$t_0 = \int_0^{t_0} dt = \int_0^{x_0} \frac{dx}{(1+x)e^x}.$$

If  $x(T) = 1$  then

$$T = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x)e^x}.$$

In the range  $0 < x < 1$  then  $\frac{1}{2} < (1+x)^{-1} < 1$  and so

$$T = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x)e^x} > \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{2e^x} = \left[ -\frac{e^{-x}}{2} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2e};$$

$$T = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x)e^x} < \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{e^x} = \left[ -e^{-x} \right]_0^1 = 1 - \frac{1}{e},$$

as required.