

Exercise 5,5,93 Express  $y$  as a function of  $x$ . The constant  $C$  is a positive number:

$$\ln(y-3) = -4x + \ln(C).$$

Solution

We have  $\ln(y-3) - \ln(C) = -4x$  or  
(exponentiating)

$$e^{\ln(y-3) - \ln(C)} = e^{-4x}$$

$$\text{or } e^{\ln(y-3)} e^{-\ln(C)} = e^{-4x}$$

$$\text{or } e^{\ln(y-3)} (e^{\ln(C)})^{-1} = e^{-4x}$$

$$\text{or } (y-3) C^{-1} = e^{-4x} \text{ by Theorem 5.5.1(1)}$$

$$\text{or } y-3 = Ce^{-4x} \text{ or } \boxed{y = Ce^{-4x} + 3}$$

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