

1.3 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 2 Differential Equations I

1.3.1 Solution to Example

The key idea is (as always) to solve this equation by doing the same to both sides, in this case integrating both sides with respect to x .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -x^3 + \frac{4x-5}{2x^3} \\ \int \frac{dy}{dx} dx &= \int -x^3 + \frac{4x-5}{2x^3} dx \\ y &= \int -x^3 + \frac{4x}{2x^3} - \frac{5}{2x^3} dx \\ &= \int -x^3 + 2x^{-2} - \frac{5x^{-3}}{2} dx \\ &= -\frac{x^4}{4} - 2x^{-1} + \frac{5x^{-2}}{4} + c\end{aligned}$$

Given that $y = 7$ at $x = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}7 &= -\frac{1}{4} - 2 + \frac{5}{4} + c \\ \therefore c &= 8\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } y = -\frac{x^4}{4} - 2x^{-1} + \frac{5x^{-2}}{4} + 8$$

[6 marks]

1.3.2 Solutions to Exercise

Answer 1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x$$

Integrate both sides wrt x

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{dy}{dx} dx &= \int \cos x dx \\ y &= \sin x + c\end{aligned}$$

Given that $y = 0.5$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

$$\begin{aligned}0.5 &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + c \\ 0.5 &= 1 + c \\ c &= -0.5\end{aligned}$$

Thus;

$$y = \sin x - 0.5$$

[4 marks]

Answer 2

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2 x$$

Integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int \sec^2 x dx$$

$$y = \tan x + c$$

Given that $y = 1$ at $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$,

$$1 = \tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + c$$

$$1 = -1 + c$$

$$c = 2$$

Thus;

$$y = \tan x + 2$$

[5 marks]

Answer 3

(i)

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = t^2 - t + 4$$

Integrate both sides with respect to t

$$\int \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \int t^2 - t + 4 dt$$

$$s = \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^2}{2} + 4t + c$$

Given that $s = 100$ at $t = 6$,

$$100 = 72 - 18 + 24 + c$$

$$c = 22$$

Thus;

$$s = \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^2}{2} + 4t + 22$$

[3 marks]

(ii)

When $t = 3$ s,

$$s = 9 - 4.5 + 12 + 22$$

$$s = 38.5 \text{ cm}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 4

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 (x^3 + 5)^4$$

Integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int 3x^2 (x^3 + 5)^4 dx$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{(x^3 + 5)^5}{5} + c$$

Given that $y = 8$ at $x = 0$,

$$209 = \frac{5^5}{15} + c$$

$$c = \frac{2}{3}$$

Thus;

$$y = \frac{(x^3 + 5)^5}{15} + \frac{2}{3}$$

[5 marks]

Answer 5

(i)

$$5x \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 = 0$$

$$5x \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{5x}$$

Integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5} \ln|x| + c$$

[4 marks]

(ii) Given that $y = 0$ at $x = 3$,

$$0 = \frac{1}{5} \ln 3 + c$$

$$\therefore c = -\frac{1}{5} \ln 3$$

Thus,

$$y = \frac{1}{5} \ln|x| - \frac{1}{5} \ln 3$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5} \ln \left| \frac{x}{3} \right|$$

[3 marks]

Answer 6**(i)**

$$\sec x \frac{dy}{dx} - x = 0$$

$$\sec x \frac{dy}{dx} = x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{\sec x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \cos x$$

Integrate both sides wrt x

$$\int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int x \cos x dx$$

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$$y = x \sin x - \int \sin x dx$$

$$= x \sin x + \cos x + c$$

[4 marks]**(ii)**

$$\pi = \frac{\pi}{2} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) + \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) + c$$

$$\pi = \frac{\pi}{2} + c$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Thus;

$$y = x \sin x + \cos x + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

[3 marks]

Answer 7

$$\text{If } x = 3 \tan u \text{ then } \frac{dx}{du} = 3 \sec^2 u$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{9 + x^2}$$

Integrate both sides wrt x

$$\int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int \frac{1}{9 + (3 \tan u)^2} 3 \sec^2 u du$$

$$y = \int \frac{1}{9(1 + \tan^2 u)} 3 \sec^2 u du$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{\sec^2 u} \sec^2 u du$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \int 1 du$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} u + c$$

$$\text{Given that } y = \frac{\pi}{9} \text{ at } x = \sqrt{3} \text{ when } u = \frac{\pi}{6},$$

$$\frac{\pi}{9} = \frac{\pi}{18} + c$$

$$c = \frac{\pi}{18}$$

Thus;

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \arctan \left(\frac{x}{3} \right) + \frac{\pi}{18}$$

[8 marks]

Answer 8**(i)**

$$t \frac{ds}{dt} = t^2 + 4$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = t + \frac{4}{t}$$

Integrate both sides wrt t

$$\int \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \int t + \frac{4}{t} dt$$

$$s = \frac{t^2}{2} + 4 \ln|t| + c$$

[5 marks]**(ii)** Using the given boundary that $s = 4 \ln 2$ when $t = 2$, yields;

$$4 \ln 2 = \frac{2^2}{2} + 4 \ln 2 + c$$

$$c = -2$$

$$s = \frac{t^2}{2} + 4 \ln|t| - 2$$

So, when $t = 4$

$$s = \frac{t^2}{2} + 4 \ln|t| - 2$$

$$= \frac{4^2}{2} + 4 \ln 4 - 2$$

$$= 8 + 4 \ln 2^2 - 2$$

$$= 6 + 8 \ln 2$$

That is,

$$a = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad b = 8$$

[4 marks]