

3.3 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 2 Differential Equations I

3.3.1 Solution to Example

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

Separate the variables

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

Integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\int y^{-2} \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$-y^{-1} = \ln|x| + c$$

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

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

$$y = \frac{1}{A - \ln|x|} \quad \text{is the general solution}$$

Given that $y = 4$ when $x = 1$

$$4 = \frac{1}{A - \ln 1}$$

$$\therefore A = 0.25$$

Thus;

$$y = \frac{1}{0.25 - \ln|x|} \quad \text{is the particular solution}$$

[6 marks]

3.3.2 Solutions to Exercise

Answer 1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6xy^2$$

Separate the variables

$$\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = 6x$$

Integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\int y^{-2} \frac{dy}{dx} dx = 6 \int x dx$$

$$-y^{-1} = 3x^2 + c$$

$$-y = \frac{1}{3x^2 + c}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{-3x^2 - c}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{A - 3x^2} \quad \text{is the general solution}$$

Given that $y = 0.2$ when $x = 1$

$$0.2 = \frac{1}{A - 3}$$

$$\therefore A = 8$$

Thus;

$$y = \frac{1}{8 - 3x^2} \quad \text{is the particular solution}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 2

$$\cos^2 x \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{y^2} = 0$$

Separate the variables

$$\cos^2 x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$$

Integrate both sides with respect to x

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

$$\int y^2 dy = \int \sec^2 x dx$$

$$\frac{y^3}{3} = \tan x + c$$

$$y^3 = 3 \tan x + 3c$$

$$y = (3 \tan x + A)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ is the general solution}$$

$$\text{Given that } y = 2 \text{ when } x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$2 = \left(3 \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) + A \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\therefore A = 5$$

$$\text{Thus } y = (3 \tan x + 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ is the particular solution}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 3

$$\int y dy = 3 \int x^2 dx$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{3x^3}{3} + c$$

$$y^2 = 2x^3 + k$$

$$\text{But } y = 3 \text{ when } x = 2, \quad \therefore k = -7$$

$$y^2 = 2x^3 - 7$$

[4 marks]

Answer 4

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^y e^x$$

$$\frac{1}{e^y} \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$$

$$e^{-y} \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$$

$$\int e^{-y} dy = \int e^x dx$$

$$-e^{-y} = e^x + c$$

But $y = 0$ when $x = 0$, $\therefore c = -2$

$$e^{-y} + e^x = 2$$

[4 marks]

Answer 5

(i) Acceleration

[1 mark]

(ii) 10 ms^{-2}

[1 mark]

(iii) 50 ms^{-1}

[1 mark]

(iv)

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 0.2 (50 - v)$$

$$\frac{1}{50 - v} \frac{dv}{dt} = 0.2$$

[2 marks]

(v)

$$\int \frac{1}{50 - v} dv = \int 0.2 dt$$

$$-\ln|50 - v| = 0.2 t + c$$

$$\ln|50 - v| = -0.2 t + k$$

As the terminal velocity is 50 ms^{-1} from part (iii), v is always less than 50 and so the modulus signs can be dropped.

$$50 - v = A e^{-0.2 t}$$

$$v = 50 - A e^{-0.2 t}$$

But $v = 0$ when $t = 0$, $\therefore A = 50$

$$v = 50 - 50 e^{-0.2 t}$$

$$v = 50 (1 - e^{-0.2 t})$$

[5 marks]

Answer 6

$$(i) \quad \frac{1}{v(1+v)} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{1+v}$$

[2 marks]

$$(ii) \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = -(v + v^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{v + v^2} \frac{dv}{dt} = -1$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v(1+v)} dv = - \int 1 dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{1+v} dv = - \int 1 dt$$

$$\ln|v| - \ln|1+v| = -t + c$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{v}{1+v} \right| = -t + c$$

As we're told $v > 0$ the modulus signs can be dropped

$$\frac{v}{1+v} = e^{-t+c}$$

$$= e^{-t} e^c$$

$$= A e^{-t}$$

$$\text{But } v = 1 \text{ when } t = 0, \therefore A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{2v}{1+v} = e^{-t}$$

[6 marks]**(iii)**

$$2v = e^{-t} + v e^{-t}$$

$$2v - v e^{-t} = e^{-t}$$

Multiply through by e^t

$$2v e^t - v = 1$$

$$v(2e^t - 1) = 1$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2e^{-t} - 1}$$

[2 marks]