

4.3 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 2 Differential Equations I

4.3.1 Solution to Example

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -3m$$

This is a Type Two differential equation with the y replaced with m , and the x with t .

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -3m$$

Invert both sides

$$\frac{dt}{dm} = -\frac{1}{3m}$$

Integrate both sides with respect to m

$$\int \frac{dt}{dm} dm = -\frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{m} dm$$
$$t = -\frac{1}{3} \ln|m| + c$$

As mass cannot be negative the modulus signs can be dropped.

$$-3t = \ln m - 3c$$

$$\ln m = -3t + 3c$$

$$m = e^{-3t+3c}$$

$$m = e^{-3t} e^{3c}$$

$$m = Ae^{-3t} \quad \text{is the general solution.}$$

But $m = 12$ when $t = 0$, $\therefore A = 12$

$$m = 12e^{-3t} \quad \text{is the particular solution.}$$

That is, $A = 12$, $k = 3$

[6 marks]

4.3.2 Solutions to Exercise

Answer 1

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

Type 3 : Separate the variables

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

Integrate both sides with respect to x

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

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

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

$$y^2 = e^{2x} + A \text{ is the general solution}$$

$$\text{Given that } y = 3 \text{ when } x = 0 \Rightarrow 3^2 = 1 + A \quad \therefore A = 8$$

$$y^2 = e^{2x} + 8 \text{ is the particular solution}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 2

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \csc^2 3x = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\csc^2 3x$$

Type 1 : Integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\int \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int 3 (-\csc^2 3x) dx$$

$$\int 1 dy = \frac{1}{3} \int 3 (-\csc^2 3x) dx$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \cot 3x + c \text{ is the general solution}$$

$$\text{Given that } y = 1 \text{ when } x = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow$$

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

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \cot 3x + \frac{4}{3} \text{ is the particular solution}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 3

$$(i) \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = KP$$

$$5 = K \times 50 \quad \therefore K = 0.1$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.1P$$

[2 marks]

$$(ii) \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = 0.1P$$

Type 2 : Invert both sides

$$\frac{dt}{dP} = \frac{10}{P}$$

Integrate both sides with respect to P

$$\int \frac{dt}{dP} dP = \int \frac{10}{P} dP$$

$$\int 1 dt = 10 \int \frac{1}{P} dP$$

$$t = 10 \ln|P| + c$$

$$0.1t = \ln P + 0.1c \quad P, \text{ population, is always positive}$$

$$\ln P = 0.1t - 0.1c$$

$$P = e^{0.1t - 0.1c}$$

$$P = e^{0.1t} e^{-0.1c}$$

$$P = Ae^{0.1t} \text{ is the general solution}$$

$$\text{But } P = 50 \text{ when } t = 0, \therefore A = 50$$

$$P = 50e^{0.1t} \text{ is the particular solution}$$

[6 marks]

$$(iii) \quad \text{When } t = 24, P = 551 \text{ rabbits.}$$

[1 mark]**Answer 4**

$$(a) \quad \frac{1 \times [\dots]}{[P(5 - P)]} = \frac{A \times [\dots]}{P} + \frac{B \times [\dots]}{5 - P}$$

$$1 = A(5 - P) + B(P)$$

$$\text{Let } P = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{5} \text{ and let } P = 5 \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{P(5 - P)} = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{5 - P} \right)$$

[3 marks]

(b)

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{15} P(5 - P)$$

Type 2 : Invert both sides

$$\frac{dt}{dP} = 15 \left(\frac{1}{P(5 - P)} \right)$$

$$\frac{dt}{dP} = 15 \times \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{5 - P} \right)$$

Integrate both sides with respect to P

$$\int \frac{dt}{dP} dP = 3 \int \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{5 - P} dP$$

$$\int 1 dt = 3 \int \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{5 - P} dP$$

$$\frac{1}{3} t = \ln|P| - \ln|5 - P| + K$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} t = \ln(5 - P) - \ln(P) - K \quad P \text{ is always positive}$$

$$K - \frac{1}{3} t = \ln\left(\frac{5 - P}{P}\right)$$

$$e^{K - \frac{1}{3} t} = \frac{5 - P}{P}$$

$$e^K e^{-\frac{1}{3} t} = \frac{5}{P} - 1$$

$$\frac{5}{P} = 1 + e^K e^{-\frac{1}{3} t}$$

$$\frac{P}{5} = \frac{1}{1 + e^K e^{-\frac{1}{3} t}}$$

$$P = \frac{5}{1 + c e^{-\frac{1}{3} t}} \text{ is the general solution}$$

But $P = 1$ when $t = 0$, $\therefore c = 4$

$$P = \frac{5}{1 + 4 e^{-\frac{1}{3} t}}$$

[8 marks]

(c)

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{-\frac{1}{3} t} \rightarrow 0$ and so $P \rightarrow 5$

As P is in thousands the population $\rightarrow 5000$

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[1 mark]

Answer 5

$$(a) \quad \frac{1}{4-x^2} = \frac{1}{(2+x)(2-x)}$$

$$\frac{1 \times [\dots]}{[(2+x)(2-x)]} = \frac{A \times [\dots]}{(2+x)} + \frac{B \times [\dots]}{(2-x)}$$

$$1 = A(2-x) + B(2+x)$$

$$\text{Let } P = 2 \text{ to get } B = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Let } P = -2 \text{ to get } A = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{4-x^2} dx &= \frac{1}{4} \int \left(\frac{1}{2+x} + \frac{1}{2-x} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\ln|2+x| - \ln|2-x|) + c \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \ln \left| \frac{2+x}{2-x} \right| + c \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]**(b)**

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 10(4-x^2)$$

Type 2 : Invert both sides

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{10(4-x^2)}$$

Integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\begin{aligned} \int 1 dt &= \frac{1}{10} \int \frac{1}{4-x^2} dx \\ t &= \frac{1}{40} \ln \left| \frac{2+x}{2-x} \right| + \frac{c}{10} \end{aligned}$$

As $0 \leq x < 2$ the modulus signs can be dropped

$$\begin{aligned} 40t &= \ln \left(\frac{2+x}{2-x} \right) + 4c \\ e^{40t} &= \frac{A(2+x)}{(2-x)} \end{aligned}$$

As $x = 0$ when $t = 0$, $A = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{40t}(2-x) &= 2+x \\ 2e^{40t} - 2 &= xe^{40t} + x \\ x &= \frac{2(e^{40t} - 1)}{(e^{40t} + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 6

$$(a) \quad u = 4 - \sqrt{h} \Leftrightarrow u = 4 - h^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{Also } \sqrt{h} = 4 - u)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dh} &= -\frac{1}{2} h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{h}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2(4-u)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(u-4)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{4-\sqrt{h}} dh &= \int \frac{1}{u} 2(u-4) du \\ &= 2 \int \frac{u-4}{u} du \\ &= 2 \int 1 - \frac{4}{u} du \\ &= 2[u - 4 \ln|u|] + c \\ &= 2u - 8 \ln|u| + c \\ &= -8 \ln|4 - \sqrt{h}| + 2(4 - \sqrt{h}) + c \\ &= -8 \ln|4 - \sqrt{h}| + 8 - 2\sqrt{h} + c \\ &= -8 \ln|4 - \sqrt{h}| - 2\sqrt{h} + k \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

[6 marks]

- (b) It's in the nature of a tree to increase in height so the rate of change of height will need to always be positive.

$$\therefore \frac{dh}{dt} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{t^{0.25} (4 - \sqrt{h})}{20} \geq 0$$

The time t can never be negative so we require that,

$$(4 - \sqrt{h}) \geq 0$$

$$-\sqrt{h} \geq -4$$

$$\sqrt{h} \leq 4$$

$$0 \leq h \leq 16 \text{ metres}$$

[2 marks]

(c) Solving the differential equation,

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{t^{0.25} (4 - \sqrt{h})}{20}$$

Separate the variables, keeping part (a) in mind,

$$\frac{1}{4 - \sqrt{h}} \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{1}{20} t^{0.25}$$

Integrate both sides with respect to t

$$\int \frac{1}{4 - \sqrt{h}} dh = \frac{1}{20} \int t^{0.25} dt$$

$$- 8 \ln |4 - \sqrt{h}| - 2\sqrt{h} + k_1 = \frac{1}{20} \frac{t^{1.25}}{1.25} + k_2$$

$$t^{1.25} = -200 \ln |4 - \sqrt{h}| - 50\sqrt{h} + c$$

Using the initial conditions, that $h = 1$ when $t = 0$,

$$0 = -200 \ln 3 - 50 + c$$

$$c = 200 \ln 3 + 50$$

$$\therefore t^{1.25} = -200 \ln |4 - \sqrt{h}| - 50\sqrt{h} + 200 \ln 3 + 50$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } h = 12, \quad t^{1.25} &= -200 \ln |4 - \sqrt{12}| - 50\sqrt{12} + 200 \ln 3 + 50 \\ &= 221.280 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t = 75.2 \text{ years}$$

[7 marks]