

7.2 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 2 Differential Equations I

Answer 1

(i)
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$
$$y \frac{dy}{dx} = -x \quad \text{separating the variables}$$

integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\int y \, dy = - \int x \, dx$$

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

$$y^2 + x^2 = r^2 \quad \text{for some constant, } r$$

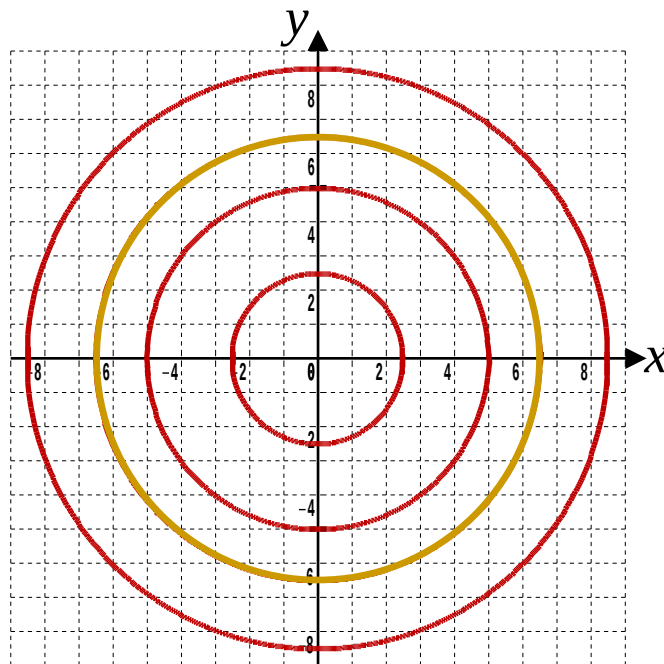
[3 marks]

(ii) As $y = 6$ when $x = 2.5$

$$y^2 + x^2 = 6.5^2 \quad \text{is the particular solution}$$

[1 mark]

(iii) The relevant circle is highlighted in gold.



[1 mark]

Answer 2

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{y \cos^2 x}$$

Separate the variables...

$$y \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{\cos^2 x}$$

Integrate both sides with respect to x ...

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

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

Using the fact that when $y = 2$, $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$...

$$2 = 3 + c \Rightarrow c = -1$$

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

$$y^2 = 6 \tan x - 2$$

[5 marks]

Answer 3

(a) The volume of a sphere is given by, $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dr}{dt} &= \frac{dr}{dV} \times \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \times (-c) \quad \text{as told } V \text{ is decreasing at a constant rate} \\ &= -\frac{k}{r^2} \quad \text{where } k \text{ is a positive constant}\end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]

(b) $r^2 \frac{dr}{dt} = -k$ separating the variables

$$\int r^2 dr = -k \int 1 dt \quad \text{integrating both sides with respect to } t$$

$$\frac{r^3}{3} = -kt + c$$

When $t = 0, r = 40$, so $c = \frac{40^3}{3} = \frac{64000}{3}$

When $t = 5, r = 20$,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{20^3}{3} &= -5k + \frac{64000}{3} \\ 5k &= \frac{56000}{3} \Leftrightarrow k = \frac{11200}{3} \\ \frac{r^3}{3} &= -\frac{11200}{3} t + \frac{64000}{3} \\ r^3 &= -11200 t + 64000\end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]

(c) From the fact that “the volume of the balloon continues to decrease at a constant rate until the balloon is empty” we need to work out what value of t corresponds to the radius being zero.

$$\begin{aligned}0^3 &= -11200 t + 64000 \\ t &= \frac{64000}{11200} \\ &= \frac{40}{7} \quad (\text{About 5.71 seconds})\end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad \int (4y + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dy &= \frac{1}{4} \int 4(4y + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dy \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \times 2(4y + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} + k \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(4y + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} + k
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\sqrt{(4y + 3)}}{x^2} \\
 (4y + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dy}{dx} &= x^{-2} \quad \text{separating the variables}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int (4y + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dy = \int x^{-2} dx \quad \text{integrating both sides with respect to } x$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(4y + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = -x^{-1} + c \quad \text{from part (a)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(9)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} + c \Rightarrow c = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(4y + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$4y + 3 = 4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{x} \right)^2$$

$$4y + 3 = 4 \left(1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right)$$

$$4y = 4 - \frac{8}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2} - 3$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

[6 marks]**Answer 5**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad \frac{5}{\left[(x - 1)(3x + 2) \right]} &= \frac{A}{(x - 1)} + \frac{B}{(3x + 2)} \\
 \text{Multiply through by the red bracket} \\
 \frac{5 \left[\dots \right]}{\left[(x - 1)(3x + 2) \right]} &= \frac{A \left[\dots \right]}{(x - 1)} + \frac{B \left[\dots \right]}{(3x + 2)} \\
 5 &= A(3x + 2) + B(x - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } x = 1 : 5 = A(5) \Leftrightarrow A = 1$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0 : 5 = 2 - B \Leftrightarrow B = -3$$

$$\therefore \frac{5}{(x - 1)(3x + 2)} = \frac{1}{x - 1} - \frac{3}{3x + 2}$$

[3 marks]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad \int \frac{5}{(x-1)(3x+2)} dx &= \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx - \int \frac{3}{3x+2} dx, \quad x > 1 \\
 &= \ln(x-1) - \ln(3x+2) + c
 \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]

$$\text{(c)} \quad (x-1)(3x+2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 5y$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{(x-1)(3x+2)} \quad \text{separating the variables}$$

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

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

$$\ln|y| = \ln|x-1| - \ln|3x+2| + c$$

$$\ln|y| = \ln \left| \frac{x-1}{3x+2} \right| + c$$

$$|y| = B \left(\frac{x-1}{3x+2} \right) \quad \text{for } B \in \mathbb{R}, B > 0 \text{ and } x > 1$$

$$y = \frac{A(x-1)}{(3x+2)} \quad \text{for } A \in \mathbb{R}, x > 1$$

Making use of the fact that $y = 8$ at $x = 2$ yields,

$$8 = \frac{A \times 1}{8} \Leftrightarrow A = 64$$

$$y = \frac{64(x-1)}{(3x+2)} \quad \text{for } x > 1$$

[6 marks]