

## 31.2 Separation of Variables

p1

We use  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  rather than  $y'$  in this section.

Ex: Solve  $dx = 12xy^5 dy$

$$\div x: \quad \frac{dx}{x} = 12y^5 dy$$

"Variables are separated"  
Not always possible

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \int 12y^5 dy$$

$$\ln x + C_1 = 2y^6 + C_2$$

For simplicity, omit absolute values when solving DE

$$\ln|x| + C_1$$

Shortcut:  $\ln x = 2y^6 + \underbrace{C_2 - C_1}_C$

Use only one constant when integrating both sides



$$\ln x = 2y^6 + C \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{or } \ln x - 2y^6 = C \quad \checkmark$$

p2

$\ln x - 2y^6 = C$  is an implicit solution

$$y = \pm \sqrt[6]{\frac{\ln x - C}{2}} \quad \text{" explicit solution}$$

Give implicit solution unless asked for explicit.

Ex: Solve  $3 \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y(x+1)}{x}$

Mult by  $dx$ :  $3dy = \frac{y(x+1)}{x} dx$

$\div y$ :  $\frac{3dy}{y} = \frac{x+1}{x} dx$

Variables are separated

$$\int \frac{3}{y} dy = \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) dx$$

$$3 \ln y = x + \ln x + C$$

- No absolute values
- Only need 1 constant



RECALL  $\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C$

p3

$$\int \frac{2x}{x^2+5} dx = \ln|x^2+5| + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3x}{x^2+5} dx &= \int \frac{\frac{3}{2}(2x)}{x^2+5} dx \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \ln|x^2+5| + C \end{aligned}$$

$$n \ln a = \ln a^n$$

$$\ln a + \ln b = \ln(ab)$$

$$\ln a - \ln b = \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

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Ex: Solve  $4xy dx + (x^2+1)dy = 0$

$$\div y(x^2+1): \quad \frac{4xy dx}{y(x^2+1)} + \frac{(x^2+1)dy}{y(x^2+1)} = \frac{0}{y(x^2+1)}$$

$$\frac{4x dx}{x^2+1} + \frac{dy}{y} = 0$$

$$\int \frac{2(2x dx)}{x^2+1} + \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int 0$$

$$2 \ln(x^2+1) + \ln y = C$$



To get an explicit solution:

p4

$$\ln(x^2+1)^2 + \ln y = C$$

$$\ln[(x^2+1)^2 y] = C$$

$$e^{LS} = e^{RS} : e^{\ln[(x^2+1)^2 y]} = e^C$$

$$(x^2+1)^2 y = C_1$$

$$y = \frac{C_1}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

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Ex: Solve  $y(x^3-5)dy - 6x^2(y^2+4)dx = 0$

$$\frac{y(x^3-5)dy}{(x^3-5)(y^2+4)} - \frac{6x^2(y^2+4)dx}{(x^3-5)(y^2+4)} = 0$$

$$\frac{y dy}{y^2+4} - \frac{6x^2 dx}{x^3-5} = 0$$

$$\int \frac{\frac{1}{2}(2y dy)}{y^2+4} - \int \frac{2(3x^2 dx)}{x^3-5} = \int 0$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(y^2+4) - 2 \ln(x^3-5) = C$$

Alternative answers (by simplifying)

$$\times 2: \ln(y^2+4) - 4 \ln(x^3-5) = \cancel{2C} C_1$$

$$\ln(y^2+4) + \ln(x^3-5)^{-4} = C_1$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{y^2+4}{(x^3-5)^4} \right] = C_1$$

$$e^{L_1} = e^{R_1}:$$

$$\frac{y^2+4}{(x^3-5)^4} = \cancel{e^{C_1}} C_2$$

$$y^2+4 = C_2(x^3-5)^4$$



p 6

Ex: Solve  $e^{2x+t} dx + dt = 0$

$$e^{2x} \cdot e^t dx + dt = 0$$

$\div e^t :$

$$e^{2x} dx + \frac{dt}{e^t} = 0$$

$$\int e^{2x} dx + \int e^{-t} dt = \int 0$$

$$\frac{e^{2x}}{2} - e^{-t} = C \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{or } e^{2x} - 2e^{-t} = C_1 \quad \checkmark$$

Ex: Solve  $(x^2+1)^3 dy + 12x dx = 0$   
explicitly if the solution passes  
 through the point  $(1, 4)$ .

$$\div (x^2+1)^3 : \quad dy + \frac{12x dx}{(x^2+1)^3} = 0$$

$$\int dy + \int \frac{12x dx}{(x^2+1)^3} = \int 0 \quad (\star)$$

$\nearrow$   
 Substitution



$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 + 1 \\ du &= 2x dx \\ 12x dx &= 6du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{12x dx}{(x^2 + 1)^3} &= \int \frac{6 du}{u^3} \\ &= \int 6u^{-3} du \\ &= -3u^{-2} + C \\ &= -3(x^2 + 1)^{-2} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\star \quad y - 3(x^2 + 1)^{-2} = C_1$$

$$y = C_1 + 3(x^2 + 1)^{-2}$$

explicit

$$\text{Sub } x=1, y=4 : 4 = C_1 + \frac{3}{2^2}$$

$$\frac{16}{4} - \frac{3}{4} = C_1$$

$$C_1 = \frac{13}{4}$$

$$y = \frac{13}{4} + 3(x^2 + 1)^{-2}$$



Ex: Solve  $4y \cos y \, dy - \sin y \, dy = y \sin y \, dx$   
given  $y = \frac{\pi}{2}$  when  $x = 0$

p8

$$(4y \cos y - \sin y) \, dy = y \sin y \, dx$$

$$\frac{4y \cos y - \sin y}{y \sin y} \, dy = dx$$

$$\left( \frac{4y \cos y}{y \sin y} - \frac{\sin y}{y \sin y} \right) dy = dx$$

$$\int \left( 4 \cot y - \frac{1}{y} \right) dy = \int dx$$

$$\boxed{-4 \ln |\csc y| - \ln y = x + C}$$

Sub  $x=0$   
 $y=\frac{\pi}{2}$  :  $-4 \ln(1) - \ln\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = C$   
 $-\ln\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = C$

$$-4 \ln |\csc y| - \ln y = x - \ln\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \checkmark$$



Alternatively (by simplifying)

p9

$$-4 \ln \csc y - \ln y + \ln \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = x$$

$$\ln (\csc y)^{-4} + \ln \left( \frac{\pi}{2y} \right) = x$$

$$\ln \sin^4 y + \ln \left( \frac{\pi}{2y} \right) = x$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} (\csc y)^{-1} &= \sin y \\ (\csc y)^{-4} &= \sin^4 y \end{aligned}}$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{\pi \sin^4 y}{2y} \right] = x$$

$$e^{LS} = e^{RS} \quad ; \quad \frac{\pi \sin^4 y}{2y} = e^x \quad \checkmark$$

Ex: Solve  $y \ln x dx = (1 + \ln y) dy$

$$\ln x dx = \frac{1 + \ln y}{y} dy$$

$$\int \ln x dx = \int \frac{1 + \ln y}{y} dy \quad \star$$

↗  
Integration by  
Parts

↑  
Substitution



p10

$$\int \ln x dx =$$

|     |               |  |     |      |
|-----|---------------|--|-----|------|
| (u) | D             |  | I   | (dv) |
|     | $\ln x$       |  | 1   |      |
|     | $\frac{1}{x}$ |  | $x$ | (v)  |

(du)

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln x dx &= x \ln x - \int 1 dx \\ &= x \ln x - x + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{1 + \ln y}{y} dy$$

$$u = 1 + \ln y$$

$$du = \frac{1}{y} dy$$

$$\text{Integral} = \int u du$$

$$= \frac{u^2}{2} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 + \ln y)^2 + C$$

$$\star \quad x \ln x - x = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \ln y)^2 + C_1$$