

## 31.2 Separation of Variables

We'll use  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  rather than  $y'$

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

Divide by  $x$ :  $\frac{dx}{x} = 12y^5 dy$

"Variables are separated"

Integrate both sides:

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

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

1) For simplicity, omit absolute value

$$\cancel{\ln |x| + C_1}$$

2) For simplicity:

$$\ln x = 2y^6 + \cancel{C_2 - C_1}$$

Only need 1 constant (on the right side)

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

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

## Terminology:

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

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

Give implicit solutions unless you're asked to find an explicit solution

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

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

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

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

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

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

- no absolute value

- one constant

don't solve for  $y$  (unless asked)

Recap:  $\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C$  [ch 28]

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

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

$$3 = ?(2)$$

$$\int \frac{12x^2}{x^3+8} dx = \int \frac{(4)3x^2}{x^3+8} dx = 4 \ln|x^3+8| + C$$

Log Rules :

$$n \ln a = \ln a^n$$
$$\ln a + \ln b = \ln(ab)$$
$$\ln a - \ln b = \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

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

Divide by  $y$ :  $4x dx + \frac{(x^2+1) dy}{y} = 0$

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

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

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

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

Follow-up Ex : Find an explicit solution  
(Solve for y)

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

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

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

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

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