

WARM UP

1. If $y = x^2 \sin(2x)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

- (A) $2x \cos(2x)$ (B) $4x \cos(2x)$ (C) $2x[\sin(2x) + \cos(2x)]$
(D) $2x[\sin(2x) - x \cos(2x)]$ (E) $2x[\sin(2x) + x \cos(2x)]$

2. What is the slope of the line tangent to the curve

$$3y^2 - 2x^2 = 6 - 2xy \text{ at the point } (3, 2)?$$

- (A) 0 (B) $\frac{4}{9}$ (C) $\frac{7}{9}$ (D) $\frac{6}{7}$ (E) $\frac{5}{3}$

Solving Separable Differential Equations

Objective:

- Solve separable differential equations (general and particular solutions)

A differential equation is an equation that has one or more derivatives in it.

Example: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2$

A separable differential equation is one in which all x and dx's can be separated from all the y and dy's. In the general form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y)$$

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

separable

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

non separable

To solve a separable differential equation means to solve for y.

To solve - separate and integrate.

A general solution has +C. A particular solution requires an initial condition to find C.

Ex.1: Find the general solution of the differential equation

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

Ex.2: Find the particular solutions to the differential equation given the initial conditions

(a) $f(0) = 1$ and (b) $f(0) = -2$

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

Ex.3: Find the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - y) \cos x$$

Ex.4: FRQ 1998-4

Let f be a function with $f(1) = 4$ such that for all points (x,y) on the graph of f , the slope is given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{2y}$$

a) Find the slope of the graph of f at the point where $x = 1$.

b) Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 1$ and use it to approximate $f(1.2)$

c) Find $f(x)$ by solving the separable differential equation with the initial condition $f(1) = 4$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{2y}$$

d) Use your solution from part (c) to find the exact value of $f(1.2)$.

Find the general solution $y = f(x)$ by algebraically manipulating the differential equation first to the separable form $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y)$

Ex.5: $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x-y}$

Ex.6: Find the general solution $y = f(x)$

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