

Separation of Variables

No Graphing Calculator is allowed for these problems.

Use Separation of Variables to solve the Differential Equations.

Note: not every function is defined for all values of x and y .

1. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{y^3}$

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

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

4. [2001 AB – NO Calculator] The function f is differentiable for all real numbers. The point $(3, \frac{1}{4})$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$, and the slope at each point (x, y) on the graph is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$.

(a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and evaluate it at the point $(3, \frac{1}{4})$.

(b) Find $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$ with the initial condition $f(3) = \frac{1}{4}$.

5. [2000 AB – NO Calculator] Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{e^{2y}}$.

(a) Find a solution $y = f(x)$ to the differentiable equation satisfying $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$.

(b) Find the domain and range of the function f found in part (a).

6. [1998 AB – NO Calculator] 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 $\frac{3x^2 + 1}{2y}$.

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

(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 1$.

[Continue with #6] 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 $\frac{3x^2 + 1}{2y}$.

(c) Find $f(x)$ by solving the separable differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{2y}$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 4$.

(d) Use your solution from part (c) to find $f(1.2)$.

More Diffy-Q fun!!! Use Separation of Variables to solve the Differential Equations.

7. $y' = \sqrt{x} \cos^2 y$

8. $xy + y' = 5x$

$$9. \quad x^2 y' - 2y = 4$$

$$10. \quad (1 + x^2)y' + y = 2y$$

$$11. \quad x^2 y' - x = y'$$

ANSWERS:

$$1) \quad \frac{1}{4}y^4 = 6x + C$$

$$4a) \quad 2y^3(6 - 2x)^2 - 2y^2; -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$6a) \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

$$7) \quad \tan y = \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$$

$$10) \quad \ln|y| = \arctan x + C$$

$$2) \quad \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \frac{1}{3}y^3 = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C$$

$$b) \quad y = (x^2 - 6x + 13)^{-1}$$

$$b) \quad y - 4 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$$

$$8) \quad -\ln|5 - y| = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

$$11) \quad y = \frac{1}{2}\ln|x^2 - 1| + C$$

$$3) \quad \ln|y| = \sin x + C$$

$$5a) \quad y = \frac{1}{2}\ln(2x^3 + e)$$

$$c) \quad y = \sqrt{x^3 + x + 14}$$

$$9) \quad \frac{1}{2}\ln|4 + 2y| = -x^{-1} + C$$

$$b) \quad D: x > \sqrt[3]{-\frac{e}{2}}; R: \text{all reals}$$

$$d) \quad \sqrt{16.928}$$

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- (a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and evaluate it at the point $(3, \frac{1}{4})$.
- (b) Find $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$ with the initial condition $f(3) = \frac{1}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 2y \frac{dy}{dx} (6 - 2x) - 2y^2 \\ &= 2y^3(6 - 2x)^2 - 2y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(3, \frac{1}{4})} = 0 - 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad \frac{1}{y^2} dy = (6 - 2x) dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{y} = 6x - x^2 + C$$

$$-4 = 18 - 9 + C = 9 + C$$

$$C = -13$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x + 13}$$

$$3 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ < -2 > \text{product rule or} \\ & \text{chain rule error} \\ 1 : \text{value at } \left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$6 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{separates variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } dy \text{ term} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } dx \text{ term} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition } f(3) = \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{array} \right.$$

Note: max 3/6 [1-1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/6 if no separation of variables

5. [2000 AB – NO Calculator] Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{e^{2y}}$.

- (a) Find a solution $y = f(x)$ to the differentiable equation satisfying $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$.
 (b) Find the domain and range of the function f found in part (a).

(a) $e^{2y} dy = 3x^2 dx$

$$\frac{1}{2} e^{2y} = x^3 + C_1$$

$$e^{2y} = 2x^3 + C$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \ln(0 + C); C = e$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2x^3 + e)$$

(b) Domain: $2x^3 + e > 0$

$$x^3 > -\frac{1}{2}e$$

$$x > \left(-\frac{1}{2}e\right)^{1/3} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}e\right)^{1/3}$$

Range: $-\infty < y < \infty$

- 6 {
- 1: separates variables
 - 1: antiderivative of dy term
 - 1: antiderivative of dx term
 - 1: constant of integration
 - 1: uses initial condition $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$
 - 1: solves for y
- Note: 0/1 if y is not a logarithmic function of x

Note: max 3/6 [1-1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/6 if no separation of variables

- 3 {
- 1: $2x^3 + e > 0$
 - 1: domain
 - Note: 0/1 if 0 is not in the domain
 - 1: range

Note: 0/3 if y is not a logarithmic function of x

6. [1998 AB – NO Calculator] 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 $\frac{3x^2 + 1}{2y}$.
- (a) Find the slope of the graph of f at the point where $x = 1$.
- (b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 1$.
- (c) Find $f(x)$ by solving the separable differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{2y}$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 4$.
- (d) Use your solution from part (c) to find $f(1.2)$.

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

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=1 \\ y=4}} = \frac{3+1}{2 \cdot 4} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(b) $y - 4 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$

$$f(1.2) - 4 \approx \frac{1}{2}(1.2 - 1)$$

$$f(1.2) \approx 0.1 + 4 = 4.1$$

(c) $2y \, dy = (3x^2 + 1) \, dx$

$$\int 2y \, dy = \int (3x^2 + 1) \, dx$$

$$y^2 = x^3 + x + C$$

$$4^2 = 1 + 1 + C$$

$$14 = C$$

$$y^2 = x^3 + x + 14$$

$$y = \sqrt{x^3 + x + 14} \text{ is branch with point } (1, 4)$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^3 + x + 14}$$

(d) $f(1.2) = \sqrt{1.2^3 + 1.2 + 14} \approx 4.114$

1: answer

2 { 1: equation of tangent line
1: uses equation to approximate $f(1.2)$

5 { 1: separates variables
1: antiderivative of dy term
1: antiderivative of dx term
1: uses $y = 4$ when $x = 1$ to pick one function out of a family of functions
1: solves for y
0/1 if solving a linear equation in y
0/1 if no constant of integration

Note: max 0/5 if no separation of variables

Note: max 1/5 [1-0-0-0-0] if substitutes value(s) for x , y , or dy/dx before antidifferentiation

1: answer, from student's solution to the given differential equation in (c)