

7.1) First-order differential equations

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -3$$

$$y = -3x + c$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3$$

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

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

$$y = x^2 + c$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y}{x}$$

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

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

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

$$y = Ax^2$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$$

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

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$y = \sin x + c$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

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

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cot x, 0 < x < \pi$$

$$y = A \sin x$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

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

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

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

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

$$y = \pm \frac{A}{x}, \text{ where } A = e^c$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

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

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

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

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

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

Worked example

Express as the derivative of one product:

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy$$

$$(\ln x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x}$$

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

Your turn

Express as the derivative of one product:

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 y)$$

$$e^x \frac{dy}{dx} + e^x y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x y)$$

$$\sin(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y \sin x)$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

$$x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^3 y = \cos x$$

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

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

$$y = -\frac{1}{x^3} \cos x + \frac{c}{x^3}$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

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

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} y = e^x$$

$$y = x(e^x + c)$$

Worked example

Find general solutions to:

$$8x^3y \frac{dy}{dx} + 12x^2y^2 = x^4$$

Your turn

Find the general solution to:

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

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