

MA114 Summer 2018
Worksheet 27 – Separable Differential Equations
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1. Use separation of variables to find the general solutions to the following differential equations.

a) $y' + 4xy^2 = 0$

b) $\sqrt{1-x^2}y' = xy$

c) $(1+x^2)y' = x^3y$

d) $\sqrt{1+y^2}y' + \sec(x) = 0$.

1 a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -4xy^2$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int -4x dx$$

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

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

2. Solve the initial value problems.

a) $\frac{dL}{dt} = kL^2 \ln t, L(1) = -1$, where k is a constant.

b) $\frac{dP}{dt} = \sqrt{Pt}, P(1) = 2$

1 b) $\frac{dy}{dx} \sqrt{1-x^2} = xy$

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \quad u = 1-x^2$$

$$\ln|y| = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du$$

$$= -\sqrt{1-x^2} + C$$

$$|y| = e^{-\sqrt{1-x^2}} e^C$$

$$y = A e^{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

1 c) $(1+x^2)y' = x^3y$

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

$$\ln|y| = \int x - \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\ln|1+x^2| + C$$

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

$$y = \frac{A e^{\frac{1}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

1 d) $\sqrt{1+y^2} y' + \sec(x) = 0$

$$\int \sqrt{1+y^2} dy = \int -\sec(x) dx$$

$$y = \tan \theta$$

$$dy = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\int \sec^2 \theta d\theta = -\ln|\sec(x) + \tan(x)| + C$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\sec \theta \tan \theta + \ln|\sec \theta + \tan \theta|) = -\ln|\sec(x) + \tan(x)| + C$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} y \sqrt{1+y^2} + \ln|\sqrt{1+y^2} + y| \right) = -\ln|\sec(x) + \tan(x)| + C$$

$$2) a) \frac{dL}{dt} = kL^2 \ln(t), \quad L(1) = -1$$

$$\int \frac{dL}{L^2} = \int k \ln(t) dt = k(t \ln(t) - \int dt)$$

$$-\frac{1}{L} = k(t \ln(t) - t) + C$$

$$L = -\frac{1}{k(t \ln(t) - t) + C}$$

Apply I.C.:

$$-1 = k(1 \ln(1) - 1) + C$$

$$C = k - 1$$

$$L = -\frac{1}{k(t \ln(t) - t) + k - 1}$$

$$b) \frac{dP}{dt} = \sqrt{Pt}, \quad P(1) = 2$$

$$\int \frac{dP}{\sqrt{P}} = \int \sqrt{t} dt$$

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$$2\sqrt{P} = \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2} + C$$

$$\sqrt{P} = \frac{1}{3}t^{3/2} + C$$

$$P = \left(\frac{1}{3}t^{3/2} + C\right)^2$$

Apply I.C.:

$$2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}(1)^{3/2} + C\right)^2$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{3} + C$$

$$C = \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P = \left(\frac{1}{3}t^{3/2} + \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$