

Find the particular solution of the differential equation $x^2 dy + y(x+y) dx = 0$ given that $x = 1, y = 1$

Solution:

$$x^2 dy + y(x+y) dx = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x^2 dy = -y(x+y) dx$$

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

Put $y = vx$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$ in (1)

$$\begin{aligned} v + x \frac{dv}{dx} &= \frac{-(xvx + v^2x^2)}{x^2} \\ &= -(v + v^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \frac{dv}{dx} &= -v^2 - v - v \\ &= -(v^2 + 2v) \end{aligned}$$

On separating the variables

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv}{v^2 + 2v} &= \frac{-dx}{x} \\ \frac{dv}{v(v+2)} &= \frac{-dx}{x} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(v+2) - v}{v(v+2)} \right] dv = \frac{-dx}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \left(\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{v+2} \right) dv = - \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [\log v - \log (v+2)] = -\log x + \log c$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{v}{v+2} = \log \frac{c}{x}$$

We have

$$\frac{v}{v+2} = \frac{c^2}{x^2}$$

Replace $v = \frac{y}{x}$, we get

$$\frac{y}{x \left(\frac{y}{x} + 2 \right)} = \frac{k}{x^2} \quad \text{where } c^2 = k$$

$$\frac{y x^2}{y + 2x} = k \quad (2)$$

When $x = 1, y = 1$

$$\therefore (2) \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{1+2}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{3}$$

∴ The solution is $3x^2 y = 2x + y$