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Assignment: Practice Questions for
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Solve the differential equation.

$$2\sqrt{xy} \frac{dy}{dx} = 5, \quad x, y > 0$$

Some differential equations can be solved by separating the variables. A differential equation of the form $y' = f(x, y)$ is separable if f can be expressed as a product of a function of x and a function of y .

Separate the variables by collecting all the y -terms with dy and all the x -terms with dx . Since x and y are always greater than zero, solve the equation by separating the variables.

Rewrite the equation in its differential form.

$$2\sqrt{xy} \frac{dy}{dx} = 5$$

$$2\sqrt{y} dy = \frac{5}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

Now integrate both sides of the equation. First move the constants to the front of the integrals on each side.

$$\int 2y^{1/2} dy = \int 5x^{-1/2} dx$$

$$2 \int y^{1/2} dy = 5 \int x^{-1/2} dx$$

Use the rule $\int u^n du = \frac{u^{n+1}}{n+1}$ to integrate on both sides.

$$2 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) y^{3/2} + C_1 = 5 \cdot 2x^{1/2} + C_2$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) y^{3/2} + C_1 = 10x^{1/2} + C_2 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

The equation gives y as an implicit function of x . Solve for y as an explicit function of x . Combine the constants of integration as C and solve for y .

$$\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) y^{3/2} = 10x^{1/2} + C$$

$$y^{3/2} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) 10x^{1/2} + C$$

Let $C = \frac{3}{4}C$ since C is arbitrary.

$$y = \left(\frac{15}{2}x^{1/2} + C\right)^{2/3}$$

This is the equation in explicit form.

Thus, solving the original differential equation, $2\sqrt{xy} \frac{dy}{dx} = 5$, yields $y = \left(\frac{15}{2}x^{1/2} + C\right)^{2/3}$.