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**Assignment:** Practice Questions for  
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Solve the differential equation.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x\sqrt{49 - y^2}, \quad -7 < y < 7$$

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  $y$ .

Rewrite the equation in its differential form. Divide both sides of the equation by  $\sqrt{49 - y^2}$  to write the equation in the form  $h(y)dy = g(x)dx$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x\sqrt{49 - y^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{\sqrt{49 - y^2}} = 2x \, dx$$

Now integrate both sides of the equation. Begin by integrating the left side. Use the rule  $\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{u}{a}$  to integrate.

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{49 - y^2}} = \int 2x \, dx$$

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{y}{7} + C_1 = \int 2x \, dx$$

Integrate the right side. First move the constant to the outside of the integral.

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{y}{7} + C_1 = 2 \int x \, dx$$

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{y}{7} + C_1 = 2 \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} + C_2$$

Simplify the right side of the equation.

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{y}{7} + C_1 = x^2 + C_2$$

After completing the integrations,  $y$  is defined implicitly as a function of  $x$ . Combine the constants of integration as  $C$ .

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{y}{7} = x^2 + C$$

This equation can be solved for  $y$ . Take the  $\sin$  of both sides of the equation to remove the  $\sin^{-1}$  function on  $y$ .

$$\sin \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{7} \right) = \sin (x^2 + C)$$

$$\frac{y}{7} = \sin (x^2 + C)$$

Multiply both sides by 7 to solve the equation for  $y$ .

$$y = 7 \sin (x^2 + C)$$

Thus, solving the original differential equation,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x\sqrt{49 - y^2}$ , yields  $y = 7 \sin (x^2 + C)$ .