

Examples of separable equations:

Ex: Find the general solution of: $dy/dt = 1+t+y^2-ty^2$

* Need to put in standard form: $f(y) dy/dt = g(t)$

$$dy/dt = 1-t + (1-t)y^2$$

$$dy/dt = (1-t)(1+y^2)$$

$$dy/dt \left(\frac{1}{1+y^2} \right) = 1-t, \text{ where } f(y) = \frac{1}{1+y^2} \text{ and } g(t) = 1-t$$

Step 1: Integrate both sides w/respect to t:

$$\int \frac{1}{1+y^2} \frac{dy}{dt} dt = \int 1-t dt$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+y^2} dy = t - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + C$$

$$\tan^{-1}(y) = t - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + C$$

Step 2: Solve for y: $y = \tan(t - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + C)$

Ex: Solve the initial value problem: $dy/dt = \frac{2t}{y+1+t^2}$; $y(2)=3$

* Put in standard form: $dy/dt = \frac{2t}{y(1+t^2)}$
 $= \left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{y} \right)$
 $y \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$

Step 1: Integrate: $\int y \frac{dy}{dt} dt = \int \frac{2t}{1+t^2} dt$

u-sub: $u = 1+t^2$
 $du = 2t dt$

$$\int y dy = \int \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2 = \ln(u) = \ln(1+t^2) + C$$

Step 2: Solve for y: $y^2 = \frac{2\ln(1+t^2) + 2C}{1}$
 $y = \sqrt{2\ln(1+t^2) + 2C}$

→ initial values: $y(2)=3$:

$$3 = \sqrt{2\ln(1+4) + 2C}$$

$$9 = 2\ln(5) + 2C$$

$$9 - 2\ln(5) = 2C$$

$$C = \frac{9 - 2\ln(5)}{2}$$

Then the unique solution is: $y = \sqrt{2\ln(1+t^2) + 9 - 2\ln(5)}$

$$y = \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{(1+t^2)^2}{25}\right) + 9} \quad (\text{simplified})$$