

Answer on Question #71893 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

$$dy/dx + y \cot x = 5e^{\cos x}$$

Solution

The given equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y \cot x = 5e^{\cos x}$$

is a linear differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x),$$

where $P(x) = \cot x$, $Q(x) = 5e^{\cos x}$.

To solve this equation we find the integrating factor

$$I(x) = e^{\int P(x)dx} = e^{\int \cot x dx}$$

Calculate the integral in the exponent:

$$\int \cot x dx = \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx = \int \frac{d(\sin x)}{\sin x} = \ln|\sin x|$$

So the integrating factor is

$$I(x) = e^{\ln|\sin x|} = \sin x$$

Multiply both sides of the given equation by $I(x) = \sin x$:

$$\sin x \frac{dy}{dx} + (\sin x \cdot \cot x)y = 5 \sin x e^{\cos x}$$

$$\sin x \frac{dy}{dx} + (\cos x)y = 5 \sin x e^{\cos x}$$

Using the Product Rule we get

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y \sin x) = 5 \sin x e^{\cos x}$$

Integrate both sides of this equation :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{d}{dx}(y \sin x) dx &= \int 5 \sin x e^{\cos x} dx, \\ y \sin x &= 5 \int e^{\cos x} d(-\cos x) = -5 \int e^{\cos x} d(\cos x), \\ y \sin x &= -5e^{\cos x} + c, \end{aligned}$$

where c is an integration constant.

Dividing both sides by $\sin x$ we get the general solution of the original equation:

$$y = (-5e^{\cos x} + c) \csc x.$$

Answer: $y = (-5e^{\cos x} + c) \csc x$.