

Question #7501 Solve $x(x + y)dy/dx = y(x - y)$.

Solution. This equation is homogeneous(it does not change when we make the substitution $x \mapsto \lambda x, y \mapsto \lambda y$). Hence, it is reasonable to make a substitution $y = zx, y' = z'x + z$, thus our equation is equivalent to

$$\frac{x}{x + xz}(z'x + z) = \frac{zx}{x - zx}, \text{ or } \frac{1}{1 + z}(z'x + z) = \frac{z}{1 - z}.$$

We get $z' \cdot x = \frac{z(1 + z)}{1 - z} - z = \frac{z + z^2 - z + z^2}{1 - z}$, finally we obtain $1/2dz \frac{1 - z}{z^2} = dx/x$. Or $1/2(-1/z - \log |z|) = \log |x| + C$, returning back to initial variables $1/2(-\frac{x}{y} + \log |x| - \log |y|) = \log |x| + C$.

Answer. The general solution can be obtained from the relation $-\frac{x}{y} - \log |y| = \log |x| + C$, $C \in \mathbb{R}$ is arbitrary real constant.