

Answer on Question #79276 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

Solve the initial value problem $(1 + y^2)dx + (1 + x^2)dy = 0$, $y(0) = -1$

Solution

This equation with separating variables:

$$(1 + y^2)dx + (1 + x^2)dy = 0$$

$$(1 + y^2)dx = -(1 + x^2)dy$$

$$\frac{dx}{1 + x^2} = -\frac{dy}{1 + y^2}$$

We integrate both sides of equation:

$$\int \frac{dx}{1 + x^2} = \int -\frac{dy}{1 + y^2}$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = -\tan^{-1} y + C$$

$$\tan^{-1} 0 = -\tan^{-1}(-1) + C$$

$$0 = -\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + C$$

$$C = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

We substitute the obtained constant in equation:

$$\tan^{-1} x = -\tan^{-1} y - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Answer: $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = -\frac{\pi}{4}$.