

Answer to Question #84065 – Math – Differential Equations

Given differential equation

$$y = x(p^2 - 2p + 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 - 2p + 2 = y/x \Rightarrow p^2 - 2p + 1 = \frac{y}{x} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (p-1)^2 = \frac{y}{x} - 1 \Rightarrow (p-1) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{y}{x} - 1} \Rightarrow p = 1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{y}{x} - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{y}{x} - 1} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\text{let } \frac{y}{x} = t \Rightarrow y = tx \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = t + x \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\text{putting in (1)} \quad t + x \frac{dt}{dx} = 1 \pm \sqrt{t-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dt}{dx} = 1 - t \pm \sqrt{t-1} \Rightarrow x \frac{dt}{dx} = 1 - t \pm \sqrt{t-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dt}{1-t \pm \sqrt{t-1}} = \frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t-1}(\pm 1 - \sqrt{t-1})} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\text{Integrating} \quad \int \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t-1}(\pm 1 - \sqrt{t-1})} = \int \frac{dx}{x} + \ln c = \ln x + \ln c \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\text{let } (\pm 1 - \sqrt{t-1}) = u \Rightarrow -\frac{dt}{2\sqrt{t-1}} = du \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t-1}} = -2du$$

$$\text{Now (2) becomes} \quad \int \frac{-2du}{u} = \ln x + \ln c \Rightarrow -2 \ln u = \ln cx \Rightarrow u^{-2} = cx \Rightarrow u^2 = \frac{1}{cx}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\pm 1 - \sqrt{t-1})^2 = \frac{1}{cx} \Rightarrow \pm 1 - \sqrt{t-1} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{t-1} = \pm 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{y}{x} - 1} = \pm 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} - 1 = \left(\pm 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = 1 + \left(\pm 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \Rightarrow y = x \left[1 + \left(\pm 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \right]$$

hence there are four solutions

$$y = x \left[1 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \right], \quad y = x \left[1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \right], \quad y = x \left[1 + \left(-1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \right], \quad y = x \left[1 + \left(-1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \right]$$

Equivalently we have two solutions $y = x \left[1 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \right]$, $y = x \left[1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{cx}} \right)^2 \right]$