

Answer on Question #59070 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

3. Derive the differential equation associated with the primitive

$$y = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$$

where A, B, C and D are arbitrary constants.

(a) $D^3y/dx^2 = 0$

(b) $d^4y/dx^4 + d^3y/dx^3 = 0$

(c) $d^3y/dx^3 + d^2y/dx^2 = 0$

(d) $d^4y/dx^4 = 0$

Solution

$$\frac{d^4}{dx^4}(Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D) = 0, \text{ so the differential equation is } \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} = 0.$$

Answer: (d) $d^4y/dx^4 = 0$.

Question

5. Derive the differential equation for the area bounded by the arc of a curve, the x-axis, and the two ordinates, one fixed and one variable, is equal to three times the length of the arc between the ordinates

(I) $y = 2\sqrt{4 + (dx/dy)^2}$

(II) $Y = \sqrt{1 + (d^2y/dx^2)^2}$

(III) $Y = 2\sqrt{1 + (dy/dx)^2}$

(IV) $y = 3\sqrt{2 + (dy/dx)^2}$

Solution

Area: $S = \int_a^x y(x)dx$. *Length of arc:* $L = \int_a^x \sqrt{1 + y'(x)^2}dx$.

$$\text{So } \int_a^x y(x)dx = 3 \int_a^x \sqrt{1 + y(x)^2}dx \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x y(x)dx = 3 \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x \sqrt{1 + y'(x)^2}dx \rightarrow$$

$$y = 3\sqrt{1 + y'^2}.$$

Answer: $y = 3\sqrt{1 + y'^2}$.

Question

6 Find the differential equation of all straight lines at a unit distance from the origin

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

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

$$(III) (3x \frac{dy}{dx} - y)^2 = 3 + (\frac{dy}{dx})^2$$

$$(IV) (2x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y)^2 = 1 + (\frac{dy}{dx})^2$$

Solution

Equation of the line: $y = ax + b$;

$$\text{Distance from the line to origin: } d = \frac{|b|}{\sqrt{a^2+1}} = 1 \rightarrow b = \pm\sqrt{a^2+1}$$

$$\text{So } y = ax \pm \sqrt{a^2+1} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(ax \pm \sqrt{a^2+1}) \rightarrow y' = a$$

$$\text{and } y = y'x \pm \sqrt{y'^2+1} \rightarrow (y - xy')^2 = y'^2 + 1$$

Answer: (II) $(x \frac{dy}{dx} - y)^2 = 1 + (\frac{dy}{dx})^2$