

**Question** Find the general solution of the following differential equations

(i)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$

(ii)  $e^x \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$

(iii)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y$

(iv)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y^2$

**Answer**

(i)

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$  is of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$ , type (i).

Solve by direct integration:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int dy &= \int \sin x \, dx \\ \Rightarrow \underline{y} &= -\cos x + c \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$e^x \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$ .

Rearrange to get  $\frac{dy}{d} = e^{-x} \sin x$ . Again of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$ , type (i).

Thus

$$\int dy = \int e^{-x} \sin x \, dx$$

integrate by parts with  $\begin{cases} u = e^{-x} & \frac{dv}{dx} = \sin x \\ \frac{du}{dx} = -e^{-x} & v = -\cos x \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow y = -e^{-x} \cos x - \int e^{-x} \cos x \, dx$$

integrate by parts with  $\begin{cases} u = e^{-x} & \frac{dv}{dx} = \cos x \\ \frac{du}{dx} = -e^{-x} & v = \sin x \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow y = -e^{-x} \cos x - [e^{-x} \sin x] + \int -e^{-x} \sin x \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -e^{-x}(\cos x + \sin x) - y + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y = -\frac{e^{-x}}{2}(\cos x + \sin x) + c'}$$

(iii)

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y$  is of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)$  so rearrange to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dy}{1+y} &= \int dx \\ \Rightarrow \ln(1+y) &= x + c \\ \Rightarrow 1+y &= e^{x+c} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{y = e^{x+c} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y^2$  is of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y)$  so rearrange to get

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

$$\Rightarrow \arctan y = x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y = \tan(x + c)}$$