

First-order differential equation

Solve the following differential equation:

$$x - (x^2y + y)y' = 0$$

Solution

Reorganizing:

$$x \, dx = (x^2 y + y) \, dy$$

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

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

Using substitution to solve the left side:

$$v = x^2 + 1$$

$$dv = 2x \, dx$$

$$\frac{dv}{2} = x \, dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v} \frac{dv}{2} = 2 \ln(v) + C = 2 \ln(x^2 + 1) + C$$

Finally:

$$2 \ln(x^2 + 1) + C = \frac{y^2}{2}$$