

Problem 3 in Section 1.6. Solve $xy' = y + 2\sqrt{xy}$.

Solution. This Differential Equation is homogeneous of degree one in x and y . That is, every term has total degree one in x and y . We make a homogeneous substitution. Divide both sides by x^1 to obtain

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Let $v = \frac{y}{x}$. Observe that $xv = y$ and $x\frac{dv}{dx} + v = \frac{dy}{dx}$. Convert the Differential Equation to

$$x\frac{dv}{dx} + v = v + 2\sqrt{v}.$$

Subtract v from both sides:

$$x\frac{dv}{dx} = 2\sqrt{v}.$$

Divide both sides by $x\sqrt{v}$; multiply both sides by dx ; integrate:

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} dv = 2 \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$2\sqrt{v} = 2 \ln |x| + C$$

Divide both sides by 2 and replace v with $\frac{y}{x}$:

$$\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} = \ln |x| + \frac{C}{2}$$

Square both sides

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

Let K be the constant $\frac{C}{2}$. Conclude

$$\boxed{y = x(\ln |x| + K)^2.}$$

Check. We compute

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 2x(\ln |x| + K)\frac{1}{x} + (\ln |x| + K)^2 \\ &= 2(\ln |x| + K) + (\ln |x| + K)^2. \end{aligned}$$

We plug y and y' into the Differential Equation $xy' = y + 2\sqrt{xy}$ and see if it works.

The left side becomes $x\left(2(\ln |x| + K) + (\ln |x| + K)^2\right)$.

The right side becomes $x(\ln |x| + K)^2 + 2\sqrt{xx(\ln |x| + K)^2}$.

The left side is equal to the right side. Our answer is correct.