

1. Solve the initial value problem  $y^{1/2} \frac{dy}{dx} + y^{3/2} = 1$ ,  $y(0) = 4$ .

Solution

Multiply both sides by  $y^{-1/2}$  :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = y^{-1/2}.$$

This is a Bernouli equation with  $n = -1/2$ . Use the substitution

$$\begin{aligned}u &= y^{1+1/2} = y^{3/2} \\y &= u^{2/3} \\y' &= \frac{2}{3}u^{-1/3}u' .\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{3}u^{-1/3}u' + u^{2/3} &= u^{-1/3} \\u' + \frac{3}{2}u &= \frac{3}{2} .\end{aligned}$$

The integrating factor is  $e^{3/2x}$ . We then proceed as follows

$$\begin{aligned}(e^{3/2x}u)' &= \frac{3}{2}e^{3/2x} \\e^{3/2x}u &= e^{3/2x} + C \\u &= 1 + Ce^{-3/2x} \\y^{3/2} &= 1 + Ce^{-3/2x} .\end{aligned}$$

At  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 4$ , therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}8 &= 1 + C \\C &= 7\end{aligned}$$

The solution of the differential equation is

$$y^{3/2} = 1 + 7e^{-3/2x} .$$

2. Solve the differential equation  $x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x^2 \sin x$ .

Solution

This is a linear first order equation which can be written in standard form as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x}y = x \sin x .$$

The integrating factor is  $e^{\int -1/xdx} = \frac{1}{x}$ . We proceed as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{1}{x}y\right)' &= \sin x \\ \frac{1}{x}y &= -\cos x + C \\ y &= -x \cos x + Cx\end{aligned}$$

defined on the interval  $(0, \infty)$ , say.