

Note: the integral $\int \frac{x^3-1}{\sqrt{x}}$ should not be computed using substitution

$$\int \frac{x^3-1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int \frac{x^3-1}{x^{1/2}} dx$$

$$= \int x^{5/2} - x^{-1/2} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{7} x^{7/2} - 2x^{1/2} + C$$

5.2B Solving Differential Equations by Separation of variables

Example: Find the particular solution for the differential equation under the given condition

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 y^2 \quad \text{where } y=7 \text{ when } x=1 \text{ (or } y(1)=7)$$

$$\int y^{-2} dy = \int 4x^3 dx$$

$$-y^{-1} = x^4 + C \rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = x^4 + C$$

$$y = \frac{1}{-x^4 + C} \quad \leftarrow \text{general solution}$$

$$y(1)=7 \quad 7 = \frac{1}{C-1} \rightarrow C = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$y = 7(3-7x^4)^{-1} \quad \leftarrow \text{particular solution}$$

Example: Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2+4}{xy}$ where $y=3$ when $x=1$

$$u = y^2 + 4 \rightarrow dy = \frac{du}{2y}$$

$$\int \frac{y}{y^2+4} dy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(y^2+4) = \ln(x) + C$$

$$\ln e^{(y^2+4)/2} = \ln(x^2) + C$$

$$y^2+4 = e^{\ln(x^2)+C}$$

$$y^2+4 = Cx^2$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{Cx^2 - 4} \leftarrow \text{two general solutions}$$

$$y(1) = 3 \quad 3 = \pm \sqrt{C(1)^2 - 4}$$

$$C = 13$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{13x^2 - 4} \leftarrow \text{two particular solutions}$$

Example: Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} - xe^{-4y} = 2e^{-4y}$ where $y(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{-4y} + xe^{-4y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (2+x)e^{-4y}$$

$$\int e^{-4y} dy = \int (2+x) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{4} e^{-4y} = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + 2x + C$$

$$e^{-4y} = 2x^2 + 8x + C$$

$$-4y = \ln |2x^2 + 8x + C|$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} \ln (2x^2 + 8x + C) \leftarrow \text{general solution}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \ln(C) \rightarrow 2 = \ln(C)$$

$$C = e^2$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{4} \ln (2x^2 + 8x + e^2) = y$$