

Example 5.10 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} + \cos^2\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

by substituting $u = \frac{y}{x}$.

Solution: Let $u = \frac{y}{x}$. Then $u = yx^{-1}$ and $y = ux$

$$\text{and } \frac{dy}{dx} = u + \frac{du}{dx} x. \quad \text{So}$$

$$u + \frac{du}{dx} x = \frac{ux}{x} + \cos^2\left(\frac{ux}{x}\right) = u + \cos^2 u.$$

$$\text{So } \frac{du}{dx} x = \cos^2 u.$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{\cos^2 u} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}.$$

$$\text{So } \int \sec^2 u \frac{du}{dx} dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\text{So } \tan u = \log x + c, \text{ where } c \text{ is a constant}$$

$$\text{So } u = \arctan(\log x + c)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{y}{x} = \arctan(\log x + c).$$

$$\text{So } y = x \arctan(\log x + c) \quad //$$

Example 5.11 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{3x} y^4$ by

substituting $u = y^{-3}$.

Solution: Let $u = y^{-3}$. Then $y = u^{-1/3}$ and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{3} u^{-4/3} \frac{du}{dx}.$$

Since $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{3x} y^4$, then

$$-\frac{1}{3} u^{-4/3} \frac{du}{dx} + u^{-1/3} = e^{3x} (u^{-1/3})^4 = e^{3x} u^{-4/3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{du}{dx} - 3u = -3e^{3x} \quad (\text{by multiplying both sides by } -3u^{4/3})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^{-3x} \frac{du}{dx} - 3e^{-3x} u = -3 \quad (\text{by multiplying both sides by } e^{3x})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d(e^{-3x} u)}{dx} = -3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int \frac{d(e^{-3x} u)}{dx} dx = \int -3 dx = -3x + C.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^{-3x} u = (-3x + C) \text{ and } u = (-3x + C) e^{3x}.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y^{-3} = (-3x + C) e^{3x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = (-3x + C)^{-1/3} e^{-x}, \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant.}$$