

Method of Integrating Factor:

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3y}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x} = 3$$

Step 1 Standard form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3y}{x} + 2 = 3x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3y}{x} = 3x - 2$$

Step 2 $P(x) = \frac{3}{x}$

Step 3 $\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$

$$\int P(x) dx = \int \frac{3}{x} dx = 3 \int \frac{1}{x} dx = 3 \ln|x|$$

$$e^{3 \ln|x|} = e^{\ln(x^3)} = x^3$$

Step 4 $\frac{dy}{dx} \cdot x^3 + \frac{3y}{x} \cdot x^3 = (3x - 2)x^3$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot x^3 + 3x^2 y = 3x^4 - 2x^3$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} [x^3 y]$$

$$\rightarrow * \text{LHS} = \frac{d}{dx} [\mu(x) \cdot y] *$$

check: product rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3 y] = \frac{d}{dx} [x^3] \cdot y + \left(\frac{d}{dx} [y] \right) x^3$$

$$3x^2 y + \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot x^3 \quad \checkmark$$

Step 5 Substitute for LHS and solve:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3 y] = 3x^4 - 2x^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} [x^3] = 3x^4 - 2x^3$$

$$\int x^3 dy = \int (3x^4 - 2x^3) dx$$

$$x^3 y = \frac{3}{5} x^5 - \frac{2}{4} x^4 + C$$

$$y = \frac{3}{5} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} x + C$$

Method & Integrating Factor

Step 1: write the diff. equation in standard form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

Step 2: Identify $P(x)$

Step 3: Find the integrating factor, $\mu(x)$

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$$

Step 4: multiply by $\mu(x)$ on both sides of the standard form differential equation.

Step 5: Substitute for the LHS

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\mu(x) \cdot y]$$

Solve the equation