

HW1.1 Solve (=find the general solution) to the equation

$$x' = \sqrt[3]{x^2} t^3$$

In particular, find the solution with the initial condition $x(0) = -1$.

Note: $\sqrt[3]{x}$ is defined for all real x , and one has

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt[3]{x}) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$$

whenever $x \neq 0$.

HW1.2 Find a general solution to

$$x' + 4x = 2\sqrt{x} \exp t$$

Hint: Bernoulli.

HW1.3* Consider the equation

$$x' = \frac{x - t}{x + t}$$

(which we found unsolvable in the class). Solve by coming to polar coordinates. More precisely, write that

$$\begin{aligned}x(u) &= r(u) \sin u \\t(u) &= r(u) \cos u\end{aligned}$$

In other words, we assume that x , t and r (distance from the origin) are functions u (the polar angle). Differentiate and substitute to the original equation, using formally that

$$x' = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx/du}{dt/du}$$

Find the differential equation for $r = r(u)$. Solve and interpret geometrically.