

4.8.97 Solve the initial value problem:

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 1 + \cos(t) \text{ and } s(0) = 4.$$

Solution.

We need an antiderivative of $\frac{ds}{dt}$.

$$s(t) \in \int \left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right) dt$$

$$= \int (1 + \cos(t)) dt$$

$$= t + \sin(t) + C.$$

Hence $s(t) = t + \sin(t) + h$ where h is some constant. Using the initial condition $s(0) = 4$ we need

$$s(0) = (0) + \sin(0) + h \equiv 4, \text{ and}$$
$$\text{so } h = 4.$$

Therefore
$$s(t) = t + \sin(t) + 4. \quad \square$$