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invert to get $u = w^{\frac{1}{1-n}}$
 so $\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{du}{dw} \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{w^{\frac{n}{1-n}}}{1-n} w'$
 (This gave people trouble! Please get back into your algebra)

in ODE: $\frac{w^{\frac{n}{1-n}}}{1-n} w' + p(t) w^{\frac{1}{1-n}} = q(t) (w^{\frac{1}{1-n}})^n = q(t) w^{\frac{n}{1-n}}$

lt. by $\frac{1-n}{w^{\frac{n}{1-n}}}$: $w' + \underbrace{(1-n)p(t)}_{\text{the 'p(t)'}} w = \underbrace{(1-n)q(t)}_{\text{the 'q(t)'}}$

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i) $u'' + 2t(u')^2 = 0$ $v = u'$ then separate variables (1st order)

ii) $u'' + 3u' + 2u = t$ Und. Coeffs.

iii) $u'' = 2u + (u')^3$ $v = u'$ then $G(u, u', u'') = 0$ (indep. of t , use $G(u, v, v \frac{dv}{du}) = 0$ to get $v(u)$ then get $u(t)$ by 1st-order ODE

iv) $u'' + u' = u + \ln t$ Variation of Parameters.

v) $\frac{u'}{u} = t^2 u^3 + \frac{1}{t}$ mult. by u , then it's a Bernoulli Eqn. as above.

more elegantly, implicit differentiate to get $\frac{dw}{dt} = (1-n)u'u^{-n}$ (*)

divide ODE by u^n : $\frac{u'u^{-n}}{\frac{1}{1-n} w'}$ + $p(t) \frac{u^{1-n}}{w}$ = $q(t)$

same result.