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p.56 Section 2.4 Exact Equations

Given a function $z = f(x, y)$; its differential is:

$$dz = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

If $f(x, y) = c$, it follows that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = 0$$

(That is, given a one-parameter family of curves $f(x, y) = c$, we can generate a first-order DE by computing the differential

$\therefore M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$ is an exact equation if

$M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy$ is an exact differential; that is $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

Example (p.65 #2)

Is equation exact?

$$(2x + y) dx - (x + 6y) dy = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= 1, \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -1 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{NOT EXACT}$$

Example (p.65 #10)

$$(x^3 + y^3) dx + 3xy^2 dy = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= 3y^2, \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 3y^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Equation is exact } \checkmark$$

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Method of Solving Exact Equations

If $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$, equation is exact

Since the equation is exact, there exists a function $f(x, y)$ such that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y) \text{ and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y)$$

$$\therefore f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + g(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\int M(x, y) dx + g(y) \right] = N(x, y)$$

$$g'(y) = N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M(x, y) dx$$

Using the last example (p. 65 #10)

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx = \int (x^3 + y^3) dx = \frac{1}{4}x^4 + xy^3 + g(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{1}{4}x^4 + xy^3 + g(y) \right] = 3xy^2 + g'(y)$$

$$3xy^2 + g'(y) = 3xy^2$$

$$g'(y) = 0, g(y) = C$$

Implicit Solution is:

$$\frac{1}{4}x^4 + xy^3 = C$$

Explicit solution is:

$$y = \left[\frac{C - x^4/4}{x} \right]^{1/3}$$

Defined for $x \neq 0$

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Example 3: Initial Value Problem

Solve: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy^2 - \cos x \sin x}{y(1-x^2)}, y(0) = 2$

Rearrange:

$$(1) \quad y(1-x^2)dy - (xy^2 - \cos x \sin x)dx = 0$$

Is it Exact?

$$(2) \quad N(x, y) = y(1-x^2), M(x, y) = \cos x \sin x - xy^2$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -2xy, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -2xy \quad \checkmark \text{ exact}$$

$$(3) \quad \therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = y(1-x^2)$$

$$(4) \quad f(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{2}(1-x^2) + h(x)$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -xy^2 + h'(x) = M(x, y)$$

$$-xy^2 + h'(x) = \cos x \sin x - xy^2$$

$$h'(x) = \cos x \sin x$$

$$h(x) = \int \cos x \sin x dx \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cos^2 x + C_1$$

\therefore A family of solutions is:

$$\frac{y^2}{2}(1-x^2) - \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 x = C_1$$

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$$\text{OR } y^2(1-x^2) - \cos^2 x = C$$

Particular Solution: $y(0)=2, (0, 2)$

$$4(1) - (1) = C, \quad C = 3$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y^2(1-x^2) - \cos^2 x = 3}$$

Example : (p. 62 #2)

$$(2x+y)dx + (x+6y)dy = 0$$

Exact? $M(x,y) = 2x+y, N(x,y) = x+6y$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 1 \quad \checkmark \text{ exact}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x,y) = x+6y$$

$$f(x,y) = \int (x+6y)dy = xy + 3y^2 + h(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y + h'(x) = M(x,y) = 2x+y$$

$$h'(x) = 2x, \quad h(x) = x^2 + C$$

$$\therefore \text{Solution is } \boxed{xy + 3y^2 + x^2 = C}$$

Now is $(2x+y)dx - (x+6y)dy = 0$ exact

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -1. \quad \text{Not exact}$$

(See p. 65 #2)

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Example (p.62 #6):

$$(2y - \frac{1}{x} + \cos 3x) \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x^2} - 4x^3 +$$

$$3y \sin 3x = 0$$

$$(2y - \frac{1}{x} + \cos 3x) dy = 4x^3 - \frac{y}{x^2} - 3y \sin 3x dx$$

$$(4x^3 - \frac{y}{x^2} - 3y \sin 3x) dx - (2y - \frac{1}{x} + \cos 3x) dy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{x^2} - 3 \sin 3x$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{x^2} + 3 \sin 3x$$

\therefore Not exact

Example (p.63 #18):

$$(2y \sin x \cos x - y + 2y^2 e^{xy^2}) dx =$$

$$(x - \sin^2 x - 4xy e^{xy^2}) dy$$

$$M(x, y) = 2y \sin x \cos x - y + 2y^2 e^{xy^2}$$

$$N(x, y) = -x + \sin^2 x + 4xy e^{xy^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2 \sin x \cos x - 1 + 4y e^{xy^2} + 2y^2 \cdot 2xy e^{xy^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -1 + 2 \cos x \sin x + 4y e^{xy^2} + 4xy \cdot y^2 e^{xy^2}$$

They are exact

$$\therefore M_y = N_x = 2 \sin x \cos x - 1 + 4y e^{xy^2} + 2xy^3 e^{xy^2} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y) = 2y \sin x \cos x - y + 2y^2 e^{xy^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \int 2y \sin x \cos x dx - \int y dx \\ &\quad + \int 2y^2 e^{xy^2} dx \\ &= y \sin^2 x - xy + 2e^{xy^2} + h(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sin^2 x - x + 4xy e^{xy^2} + h'(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= N(x, y) = -x + \sin^2 x + 4xy e^{xy^2} \\ &= \sin^2 x - x + 4xy e^{xy^2} + h'(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore h'(y) = 0, \quad h(y) = c$$

A solution is :

$$\boxed{y \sin^2 x - xy + 2e^{xy^2} = c}$$

Example (p. 63 # 26)

Solve the initial value problem:

$$\left(\frac{1}{(1+y^2)} + \cos x - 2xy \right) \frac{dy}{dx} = y(y + \sin x),$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

Rearranging:

$$y(y + \sin x) dx + \left(2xy - \cos x - \frac{1}{(1+y^2)} \right) dy = 0$$

$$M(x, y) = y^2 + y \sin x$$

$$N(x, y) = 2xy - \cos x - \frac{1}{(1+y^2)}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= 2y + \sin x \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= 2y + \sin x \end{aligned} \right\} \checkmark \text{ exact}$$

$$M_y = N_x = 2y + \sin x$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y) = y^2 + y \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \int y^2 dx + \int y \sin x dx \\ &= xy^2 - y \cos x + h(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 2xy - \cos x + h'(y) = N(x, y) \\ &= 2xy - \cos x - \frac{1}{(1+y^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$h'(y) = -\frac{1}{(1+y^2)}$$

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$$h(y) = \int \frac{-dy}{(1+y^2)} = -\tan^{-1} y + C$$

∴ A family of solutions is:

$$xy^2 - y \cos x - \tan^{-1} y = C$$

Initial value problem

$$y(0) = 1, (0, 1)$$

$$(0)(1) - (1)(1) - \tan^{-1}(1) = C$$

$$C = -\pi/4$$

∴ A particular solution is:

$$xy^2 - y \cos x - \tan^{-1} y = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

p.61 Integrating Factor for Making a Non-Exact Differential Equation Exact

If $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ is not exact, then it is sometimes possible to find an integrating factor $\mu(x, y)$, so that after multiplying, the equation:

$$\mu(x, y)M(x, y)dx + \mu(x, y)N(x, y)dy = 0$$

Now, the above equation is exact if: and only if $(\mu M)_y = (\mu N)_x$

Using the product rule:

$$\mu M_y + \mu_y M = \mu N_x + \mu_x N \text{ or } \dots$$

$$\mu_x N - \mu_y M = (M_y - N_x) \mu$$

Simplifying Assumption:

μ is a function of one variable

$$\therefore \mu_x = \frac{d\mu}{dx} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \mu$$

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int (M_y - N_x)/N dx}$$

Partial derivative

Now, if μ depends only on y , then

$$\frac{d\mu}{dy} = \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} \mu$$

$$\text{and } \mu(y) = e^{\int (N_x - M_y)/M dy}$$

Results for $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$
are as follows:

① If $\frac{(M_y - N_x)}{N}$ is a function of x alone
then $\mu(x) = e^{\int (M_y - N_x)/N dx}$

② If $\frac{(N_x - M_y)}{M}$ is a function of y alone
then $\mu(y) = e^{\int (N_x - M_y)/M dy}$

where $\mu(x)$ and $\mu(y)$ are the
integrating factor options for
the non-exact differential Equation
Choose one of them for:

$$\mu M(x, y)dx + \mu N(x, y)dy = 0$$

p.62 Example 4: A non exact D.E. made exact:

$$xy \, dx + (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) \, dy = 0$$

is not exact. Proof:

$$M(x, y) = xy, \quad N(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = x, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4x$$

Can this be made exact using the integrating factors?

$$\frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = \frac{x - 4x}{2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20} = \frac{-3x}{2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20}$$

depends on x and y (doesn't work)

$$\text{Try } \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} = \frac{4x - x}{xy} = \frac{3}{y}$$

depends only on y . Therefore

$$\mu(x, y) = e^{\int \frac{3 \, dy}{y}} = y^3$$

$$\therefore (y^3)xy \, dx + y^3(2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) \, dy = 0$$

$$xy^4 \, dx + (2x^2y^3 + 3y^5 - 20y^3) \, dy = 0$$

Is this exact?

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4xy^3, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4xy^3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y) = xy^4$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2y^4 + h(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2x^2y^3 + h'(y) = N(x, y)$$

$$2x^2y^3 + h'(y) = 2x^2y^3 + 3y^5 - 20y^3$$

$$h'(y) = 3y^5 - 20y^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(y) &= 3 \int y^5 dy - 20 \int y^3 dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2}y^6 - 5y^4 + C \end{aligned}$$

A Family of solutions for this D.E. is therefore:

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2}x^2y^4 + \frac{1}{2}y^6 - 5y^4 = C}$$