

A Non-Exact DE Made Exact

Considering $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$ — (1) & $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

Then

- If $(M_y - N_x)/N$ is a function of x alone, then an integrating factor for (1) is $e^{\int \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} dx}$

- If $(N_x - M_y)/M$ is a function of y alone, then an integrating factor for (1) is $e^{\int \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} dy}$

Consider the following non-linear DE:

$$(xy)dx + (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20)dy = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$M = xy$
 $N = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20$

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

Eqn (2) is not an exact DE

Consider

$$\frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = \frac{x - 4x}{2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20} = \frac{-3x}{2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20} \rightarrow \text{depends on } x \text{ and } y$$

$$\frac{N_x - M_y}{M} = \frac{4x - x}{xy} = \frac{3x}{xy} = \frac{3}{y} \rightarrow \text{depends only on } y$$

∴ The integrating factor: $e^{\int \frac{3}{y} dy} = e^{3 \ln y} = e^{\ln y^3} = y^3$

Multiply eqn(2) by integrating factor we have:

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

$$\underbrace{xy^4 dx + (2x^2y^3 + 3y^5 - 20y^3)}_{N} dy = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$M = xy^4$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4xy^3$$

$$N = 2x^2y^3 + 3y^5 - 20y^3$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4xy^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Hence eqn(3) is an exact DE

$$M = xy^4$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M = xy^4$$

$$\int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \int xy^4$$

$$\int \partial f = \int xy^4 dx$$

$$f = \frac{x^2y^4}{2} + \phi(y) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{4x^2y^3}{2} + \phi'(y) \quad \rightarrow \text{derive w.r.t. } y$$

$$N = 2x^2y^3 + \phi'(y)$$

$$\cancel{2x^2y^3} + 3y^5 - 20y^3 = \cancel{2x^2y^3} + \phi'(y)$$

$$\phi'(y) = 3y^5 - 20y^3$$

$$\int \phi'(y) = \int (3y^5 - 20y^3) dy$$

$$\phi(y) = \frac{3y^6}{6} - \frac{20y^4}{4} + C$$

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

substitute $\phi(y)$ into (4)

$$f(x,y) = \frac{x^2y^4}{2} + \frac{1}{2}y^6 - 5y^4 + C$$