

We already know two methods to find exact solution
for Ist order ODEs

① For ODE $M dx + N dy = 0 \rightarrow \text{In } \oplus$
when it is exact,
 $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

Its general solution is $f(x, y) = C$

$$\begin{cases} M = M(x, y) \\ N = N(x, y) \end{cases}$$

Separable
and generalized
separable
cases
are included
in this case.
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of this page

② For ODE $y' = f(x, y) \rightarrow \text{**}$
when it is linear by writing this in standard
form $y' + p(x)y = q(x)$
its solution algorithm contains two steps
step1 find I.F. $u(x) = e^{\int p(x)dx}$, Then find sol. $y(x)$ by
step2 $y(x) u(x) = \int q(x) u(x) dx + C$

Other methods can be divided in two main categories

- 3 → Solution of \oplus by finding I.F.
- 4 → Solution of $\oplus/\text{**}$ by substitutions that make the ODE in some solvable form.

This is the topic of this lecture.

Separable - $f(x)dx + g(y)dy = 0$

Generalized separable - $f(x)G(y)dx + g(y)F(x)dy = 0$

$$\text{I.F.} \equiv \frac{1}{F(x)G(y)}$$

Before actual start of the lecture, learn one good and faster trick to solve exact ODEs

$$M dx + N dy = 0$$

Its solution is

$$\int M dx + \int N [dy] = C$$

← This notation
is not
standard.

meaning of notations

$\int M dx$ → Integrate M partially wrt x
i.e. by treating y as constant

$\int N [dy]$ → integrate N partially wrt y
after ignoring the terms containing
the variable x in N.

i.e. if $N = a(x) + b(y) + c(x, y) + d$

Then $\int N [dy] = \int (b(y) + d) dy$.

For example: Solve the following ODEs [All are exact]

ODE	Solution
$(2x \cos y + 3x^2y) dx + (x^3 - x^2 \sin y - y) dy = 0$	$\frac{2}{2} x^2 \cos y + 3 \frac{x^3}{3} y - \frac{y^2}{2} = C$ $\Rightarrow x^2 \cos y + x^3 y - \frac{y^2}{2} = C$
$(3x^2 + 4xy) dx + (2x^2 + 2y) dy = 0$	$x^3 + 2x^2 y + y^2 = C$
$y^2 dx + 2xy dy = 0$	$xy^2 = C$

Method #3 → Solution by finding IF

Suppose $M dx + N dy = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

is not exact, i.e. $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$, then

We try to find an IF for (1) to make (1) exact.

Suppose $u(x, y)$ is an IF for (1). Then

$$u M dx + u N dy = 0$$

is exact, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (uM) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (uN)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} M + u \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} N + u \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{M \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - N \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) u} \quad \text{--- \#}$$

The PDE is solvable in some cases

↳ see, solution of this PDE gives u . But it is not solvable in general.

Case 1

Suppose u is a function of x alone, i.e. $u = u(x)$

Then \# becomes

$$-N \frac{du}{dx} = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) u$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) dx \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The above ODE is in separable form if RHS

$\frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right)$ is a function of x alone. And if

$$\frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = f(x), \text{ then from (2), we obtain } \boxed{u(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx}}.$$

Therefore, we have the following result :-

Suppose $\frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right)$ is a function of x alone and if it is denoted by $f(x)$. Then $u(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx}$ is an IF for non-exact ODE $M dx + N dy = 0$

Similarly, we can obtain the following result by $\textcircled{\#}$ If we assume u as a function of y alone.

Suppose $\frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right)$ is a function of y alone and If it is denoted by $f(y)$. Then $u(y) = e^{\int f(y) dy}$ is an IF for non-exact ODE $M dx + N dy = 0$

\rightarrow P.F. Suppose u is a function of y alone, i.e. $u = u(y)$

Then $\textcircled{\#}$ becomes

$$M \frac{du}{dy} = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) u \Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dy \quad (3)$$

The ODE (3) is in separable form If RHS. is a function of y alone.

Hence the result is proved \square .

Now, we prove the following result

Suppose $\frac{1}{Ny - Mx} \left[\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right]$ is a function of $z = xy$ (product of x and y) and if it is denoted by $f(z)$. Then $u(x, y) = u(z) = e^{\int f(z) dz}$ is an I.F for non-exact ODE $Mdx + Ndy = 0$

Pf:- Suppose $u(x, y) = u(z)$; $z = xy$. Then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{du}{dz} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{du}{dz} x$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{du}{dz} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{du}{dz} y.$$

By putting above values in $\#$, we obtain

$$M \cdot x \frac{du}{dz} - N y \frac{du}{dz} = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) u$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{Ny - Mx} \left[\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right] dz$$

Thus If $\frac{1}{Ny - Mx} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = f(z)$ then

$$u = u(z) = e^{\int f(z) dz} \quad \text{Hence the result is proved.}$$

Remember $\#$ is

$$M \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - N \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) u - \#$$

Similarly, we can prove the following result

If $\frac{1}{N-M} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right)$ is a function of $z = ax + y$ and if it is denoted by $f(z)$. Then $u(x, y) = u(z) = e^{\int f(z) dz}$ is an IF for non-exact ODE $M dx + N dy = 0$

Pf: $\boxed{\text{carry}}$ \rightarrow Do yourself.

Summary of the lecture with more results

① If given ODE $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ is exact
then its solution is

$$\int M dx + \int N dy = C$$

② If $\boxed{Mdx + Ndy = 0}$ is not exact,
then try to find an IF as per
the following results/cases

S.No.	Condition	IF $u \equiv u(x, y)$
①	$\frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = f(x)$	$u = e^{\int f(x) dx}$
②	$\frac{1}{M} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) = f(y)$	$u = e^{\int f(y) dy}$
③	$\frac{1}{N \cdot y - M \cdot x} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = f(z); z = xy$	$u = e^{\int f(z) dz}$
④	$\frac{1}{N - M} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = f(z); z = x + y$	$u = e^{\int f(z) dz}$
⑤	If M and N are polynomials in $\leftrightarrow x$ and y	Take $u = x^\alpha y^\beta$ and find suitable values of α and β .
⑥	$M_1(z) y dx + N_1(z) x dy = 0 \quad (*) ; z = xy$ If given ODE is of the form of $(*)$ and $M \cdot x - N \cdot y \neq 0$	$u = \frac{1}{Mx - Ny}$
	e.g. $(2xy \sin(xy) + \cos(xy))y dx + (xy \sin(xy) - \cos(xy))x dy = 0$	
⑦	If M and N are homogeneous functions of same degree and $Mx + Ny \neq 0$	$u = \frac{1}{Mx + Ny}$
⑧	By Inspection	$M(tx, ty) = t^\alpha M(x, y) \quad \quad M = x^2 + 3y^2$ $N(tx, ty) = t^\alpha N(x, y) \quad \quad N = 2x^2 y$

Homogeneous functions of same degree

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M(tx, ty) = t^\alpha M(x, y) \\ N(tx, ty) = t^\alpha N(x, y) \end{array} \right\} \text{put } t = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M(1, \frac{y}{x}) = \frac{1}{x^\alpha} M(x, y) \\ N(1, \frac{y}{x}) = \frac{1}{x^\alpha} N(x, y) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} M(x, y) = x^\alpha M(1, \frac{y}{x}) \\ N(x, y) = x^\alpha N(1, \frac{y}{x}) \end{array} \right.$$

e.g. $M(x, y) = 3x^2 + 9xy + 5y^2$ $N(x, y) = 6x^2 + 4xy$ $\Rightarrow M(tx, ty) = t^2 M(x, y)$
 $N(tx, ty) = t^2 N(x, y)$

$$x^2 M(1, \frac{y}{x}) = x^2 \left(3 + 9 \frac{y}{x} + 5 \frac{y^2}{x^2} \right) = 3x^2 + 9xy + 5y^2$$

$$x^2 N(1, \frac{y}{x}) = x^2 \left(6 + 4 \frac{y}{x} \right) = 6x^2 + 4xy = N(x, y)$$

Thus M and N are homogeneous function of degree 2.

Check $M(x, y) = y + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $N(x, y) = x$ are homogeneous of degree 1.

Examples

① Solve:

$$(4x + 3y^2)dx + 2xy dy = 0 \quad \text{--- (Ex1)}$$

$$M \equiv 4x + 3y^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 6y; \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2y \quad (\text{NOT exact ODE})$$

$$N \equiv 2xy \quad \text{But } \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{6y}{2xy} = \frac{3}{x} = f(x)$$

\hookrightarrow (case ① holds)

$$\text{Take IF } u = e^{\int \frac{3}{x} dx} = x^3$$

By $u x$ (Ex1), we obtain an exact ODE

$$(4x^3 + 3x^2y^2)dx + 2x^3y dy = 0$$

Its solution is

$$4 \frac{x^4}{4} + 3 \frac{x^3}{3} y^2 = C$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + x^3 y^2 = C$$

② Solve:

$$(3x^2 - y^2)dy - 2xy dx = 0 \quad \text{--- (Ex2)}$$

$$M \equiv -2xy \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -2x \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 6x \quad (\text{NOT exact ODE})$$

$$N \equiv 3x^2 - y^2 \quad \text{But } \frac{1}{M} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{1}{-2xy} 8x = -\frac{4}{y} = f(y)$$

\hookrightarrow (case ② holds)

$$\text{Take IF } u = e^{-\int \frac{4}{y} dy} = \frac{1}{y^4}$$

By $u x$ (Ex2), we obtain an exact ODE

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

Solution is

$$-\frac{2}{y^3} \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{y} = C$$

\Rightarrow

$$-\frac{x^2}{y^3} + \frac{1}{y} = C$$

$$\frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^3} = C$$

Note: $y=0$ is a solution of ODE equation but it is not in the solution family for green.

Notice that the given ODE satisfies the condition of case (7) also.

$$\text{ODE: } (3x^2 - y^2) dy - 2xy dx = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= -2xy \\ N &= 3x^2 - y^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{The degree of each term in} \\ M \text{ and } N \text{ is 2.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$M = x^2 \quad m(1, \frac{y}{x})$$

$$N = x^2 \quad n(1, \frac{x}{y})$$

$$\text{and } Mx + Ny$$

$$= -2x^2y + 3x^2y - y^3 = x^2y - y^3 \neq 0$$

$$\text{Thus } u = \frac{1}{x^2y - y^3}$$

Therefore, by ux ODE, we obtain an exact ODE

$$-\frac{2xy}{x^2y - y^3} dx + \frac{3x^2 - y^2}{x^2y - y^3} dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{2x}{y^2 - x^2} dx + \frac{3x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 - y^2)y} dy = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{y^2 - x^2} dx + \frac{3x^2 - 3y^2 + 2y^2}{(x^2 - y^2)y} dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{y^2 - x^2} dx + \left(\frac{3}{y} + \frac{2y}{(x^2 - y^2)} \right) dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{y^2 - x^2} dx + \left(\frac{3}{y} + \frac{1}{x - y} - \frac{1}{x + y} \right) dy = 0$$

$$\text{Solution: } -\ln(y^2 - x^2) + \ln y^3 = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{y^3}{y^2 - x^2} = C}$$

Example

③ Solve $y dx + (xe + 3x^3y^4) dy = 0$ — ODE 3

$$M \equiv y \quad N \equiv xe + 3x^3y^4 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1; \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 1 + 9x^2y^4 \quad (\text{ODE is not exact})$$

But $\frac{1}{N - M} \left[\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{(xy + 3x^3y^5) - xy} [1 - 1 - 9x^2y^4] = -\frac{3}{x^2y^4}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{z^2}; \quad z = xy$$

(case 3 holds)

Then IF: $u = e^{-\int \frac{3}{z^2} dz} = \frac{1}{z^3} = \frac{1}{x^3y^3}$

and by $\frac{1}{x^3y^3} \otimes$ ODE, we obtain exact ODE

$$\frac{1}{x^2y^2} dx + \left(\frac{1}{x^2y^3} + 3y \right) dy = 0$$

and solution:

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{2x^2y^2} + \frac{3y^2}{2} = C}$$

Now, find an IF for ODE 3 as ~~suggested~~ suggested in case ⑤
m & N are polynomials type
in x & y .

Assume: $u(x, y) = x^\alpha y^\beta$ then

$$xe^\alpha y^{\beta+1} dx + (x^{\alpha+1} y^\beta + 3x^{\alpha+3} y^{\beta+4}) dy = 0 \text{ is exact}$$

i.e. $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^\alpha y^{\beta+1}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^{\alpha+1} y^\beta + 3x^{\alpha+3} y^{\beta+4})$

$$\Rightarrow (\beta+1)x^\alpha y^\beta = (\alpha+1)x^\alpha y^\beta + 3(\alpha+3)x^{\alpha+2} y^{\beta+4}$$

Above equation is satisfied when $\begin{cases} \alpha+3=0 \\ \beta+1=\alpha+1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha=-3 \\ \beta=-2 \end{cases}$

Thus

$$\boxed{u = \frac{1}{x^3y^3}}$$

Some time we get same IF by two different tricks. But this is not the situation always.

Example To understand that all methods do not always give same IFs. Hence IF is ~~is~~ NOT unique for an ODE.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} \quad \text{OR} \quad y dx - x dy = 0 \quad (\text{Ex 4})$$

$$M \equiv y, N \equiv -x \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1, \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -1 \quad \text{so equation is not exact}$$

Now let us find different-different IFs.

Case-1

$$\frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) \\ = -\frac{1}{x} (1+2) \\ = -\frac{2}{x} = f(x)$$

$$\text{So } u = e^{-\int \frac{2}{x} dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$\therefore u \times (\text{ODE})$ gives

$$\frac{y}{x^2} dx - \frac{1}{x} dy = 0$$

an exact ODE

$$\text{Solution: } -\frac{y}{x} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = c$$

Case-2

$$\frac{1}{M} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{y} (-1-1) \\ = -\frac{2}{y} = f(y)$$

$$\text{So } u = e^{-\int \frac{2}{y} dy}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$\therefore u \times (\text{ODE})$ gives

$$\frac{1}{y} dx - \frac{x}{y^2} dy = 0$$

an exact ODE

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{dx}{y} = c$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{-y/x^2}{1+y^2/x^2} dx + \frac{1/x}{1+y^2/x^2} dy \\ &= -\frac{y dx + x dy}{x^2+y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Using generalized separable form

$$u = \frac{1}{xy}$$

$\therefore ux \times (\text{ODE})$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} dx - \frac{1}{y} dy = 0$
is separable and
so exact.

Thus solution is
 $ln x - ln y = c$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = c$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{check} \\ d(\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}) \\ || \\ \end{array}$$

$$d(\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x})$$

||

$$\frac{1}{x} dy$$

By Inspection

$$u = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2}$$

As after multiplying
this u , ODE
becomes

$$\frac{y dx - x dy}{x^2+y^2} = 0$$

$$d(\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}) = 0$$

Thus solution is

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = c$$

We know that constant multiple of an IF is again an IF. But, in above example, we see that IFs may be totally different $\frac{1}{x^2}, \frac{1}{y^2}, \frac{1}{xy}, \frac{1}{x^2+y^2}$