

## Reducible to Exact

If  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is not Exact

Integrating factor (I.F.)

Let  $F(x, y)$  be the factor <sup>such that</sup> by which  $F(Mdx + Ndy = 0)$  becomes exact  
Then  $F(x, y)$  is said to be I.F.

Example: Consider  $ydx - xdy = 0 \rightarrow$  Not exact

This problem can also be solved by  $ydx - xdy$  form for Homogeneous I.F. is  $\frac{1}{x^2}$   
multiply by  $\frac{1}{y^2}$  Then  $\frac{1}{y} dx - \frac{x}{y^2} dy = 0$  is exact

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{y^2}$$

Hence  $\frac{1}{y^2}$  is called I.F. of above D.E.

also  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  is I.F. of above D.E.

But sol<sup>n</sup> is  $\frac{1}{2xy}$

Rules for Finding I.F.

Rule 1: (Homogeneous form)

If Given D.E. is Homogeneous Then

$$I.F. = \frac{1}{Mx + Ny} \quad (Mx + Ny \neq 0)$$

Rule 2: ( $ydx + xdy$  form)

If Given D.E. is of form

$$f_1(xy) ydx + f_2(xy) xdy = 0$$

$$\text{Then } I.F. = \frac{1}{Mx - Ny} \quad (Mx - Ny \neq 0)$$

These functions are of product  $xy$   
eg.  $(xy), x^2y^2, \cos(xy), \log(xy)$   
not like  $x^2y, x \sin y$

Rule 3: (Divide by  $N$ )

~~Consider~~ check if  $\left( \frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{N} \right)$  is purely function of  $x$  (say  $f(x)$ )  
Then  $I.F. = e^{\int f(x) dx}$

Rule 4 (Divide by  $M$ )

check if  $\left( \frac{\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}}{M} \right)$  is purely function of  $y$  ( $g(y)$ )  
Then  $I.F. = e^{\int g(y) dy}$

Problems on Integrating factor

1)  $(x^4 + y^4) dx - xy^3 dy = 0$

Can be solved by Divide (by  $N$ ) Rule get same I.F.

Not exact, Homogeneous

$$Mx + Ny = x^5 + ny^4 - xy^4 = x^5 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore I.F. = \frac{1}{x^5}, \text{ multiply by } \frac{1}{x^5}$$

$$\therefore \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{y^4}{x^5} \right) dx - \frac{y^3}{x^4} dy = 0 \text{ is exact}$$

Then sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$\left[ \log x - \frac{y^4}{4x^4} + C = 0 \right]$$