

Exact Equations

$y' = f(x, y)$

We can extend this concept for 2nd order $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (g(x, y)) = 0$
 & higher order. \hookrightarrow Exact

The concept of exactness which is usually discussed only for first order differential equations can be generalized for higher order differential equations as well.

Def'n:

The nth order D.E. $F(x, y, y', \dots, y^n) = 0$ is said to be exact if the function $F(x, y, y', \dots, y^n)$ is an exact derivative of some differential function of (n-1)th order say $G(x, y, \dots, y^{n-1})$ i.e.,

$$F(x, y, \dots, y^n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (G(x, y, \dots, y^{n-1})).$$

Here we will discuss 2nd order linear D.E.

Definition 2:

The second-order homogeneous linear differential equation Operator form $L[u] = 0$ which is define as

$$L[u] = p_0(x) u''(x) + p_1(x) u'(x) + p_2(x) u(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

is said to be exact differential equation of 2nd order if and only if, for some $A(x), B(x) \in C^1$

$$\begin{aligned} L[u] &= p_0(x) u'' + p_1(x) u' + p_2(x) u \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [A(x) u' + B(x) u] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

for all functions $u \in C^2$

We say that $L[u] = 0$ is an exact D.E. in (1)

if and only if $A(x) = p_0, p_1 = A' + B$ or $B(x) = p_1 - p_0'$
 and $p_2 = B'$. How one can get this?

Hence (1) is exact if and only if $\frac{d}{dx} [A u' + B u] = A' u' + A u'' + B' u + B u'$

$$= A u'' + u'(A + B) + u B'$$

$$\therefore \text{Comparing } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_0 = A \\ p_1 = A' + B \\ p_2 = B' \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow p_0'' - p_1' + p_2 = 0$$

Therefore $L[u] = p_0 u'' + p_1 u' + p_2 u = 0$

is exact if $p_0'' - p_1' + p_2 = 0$

Theorem:

The differential equation (1) is exact iff its coefficient functions satisfy

$$p_0'' - p_1' + p_2 = 0$$

and

$$p_0(x) u'' + p_1(x) u' + p_2(x) u = \frac{d}{dx} [p_0 u' + (p_1 - p_0') u]$$

Integrating factor:

An integrating factor for the differential equation $L[u] = 0$ is a function $v(x)$ such that $v L(u) = 0$ is exact.

If an integrating factor v for (1) can be found, then clearly

$$v(x) [p_0(x) u'' + p_1(x) u' + p_2(x) u] = \frac{d}{dx} [A(x) u' + B(x) u] \quad (3)$$

Therefore, the solutions of the homogen D.E. (1) are given as sol's of the following linear D.E.

$$\text{i.e. } L(u) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x) u' + B(x) u = C \quad \text{arbitrary constant}$$

Also sol's of the inhomogeneous differential equation $L[u] = r(x)$ are given by solutions of the following equation

$$A(x) u' + B(x) u = \int v(x) r(x) dx + C \quad (4)$$

give the Lagrange identity

$$\boxed{v L[u] - u M[v]} = \frac{d}{dx} [v p_0 u'' - u (v p_0)' + (v p_1) u' + u (v p_1)'] \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Since, } \boxed{w u'' - u w'' = (w u' - u w')'} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sim. } M[u] = (v p_1)'' - (v p_1)' (v p_2) = 0 \\ L(u) = p_0 u'' + p_1 u' + p_2 u = 0 \\ v L(u) - u M(v) = v p_0 u'' + p_1 u' + p_2 u - u (v p_1)'' - u (v p_1)' = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boxed{w u'' - u w'' = w u' - u w''} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v p_0 u'' - u (v p_0)' + (v p_1) u' = 0 \\ v p_0 u'' - u (v p_0)' + v p_1 u' = 0 \\ v p_0 u'' - u (v p_0)' + v p_1 u' = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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The second order linear D.E. (1) is self-adjoint if and only if it has the form

$$\frac{d}{dx} [p_0(x) \frac{du}{dx}] + p_2(x) u = 0 \quad (6)$$

The D.E. can be made self-adjoint by multiplying through by

$$h(x) = \left[\exp \left(\int \frac{p_1}{p_0} dx \right) \right] \times \frac{1}{p_0} \quad (7)$$

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Homogeneous linear D.E. that coincide with their adjoint are said to be self-adjoint equations.

$$L u = 0 \quad M v = 0 \quad L = M$$

Remark 1:

Necessary and sufficient conditions for eq (1) to be self-adjoint is that $2p_1' - p_1 = p_0$,
 i.e., $p_0' = p_1$.

Moreover, in case of self-adjoint, the last term in (7) vanishes.

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