

Algorithm for ODEs in exact form.

If we have an ODE in the form

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

we can try to compute $\phi(x, y)$ so that

$$M(x, y) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$N(x, y) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

Then $\phi(x, y) = C$ provides an implicit form for the solution of the original ODE.

Is there a way to test? Yes. If

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

Then, the equation is in exact form and we should be able to compute the potential function.

Why? If

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

Then

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}$$

must be equal to guarantee there is a potential function

Ex: $(2xy + 2) + [x^2 + 4] \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\begin{aligned} M(x, y) &= 2xy + 2 & \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= 2x \\ N(x, y) &= x^2 + 4 & \Rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= 2x \end{aligned} \quad \uparrow \text{ equal}$$

Now: set

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2xy + 2$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x^2 + 4 \quad \rightarrow \quad \phi(x, y) = (x^2 + 4)y + p(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} &= 2xy + p'(x) \\ &= 2xy + 2 \quad \Rightarrow p'(x) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p'(x) = 2 \Rightarrow p(x) = 2x + C_1$$

Then

$$\phi(x, y) = x^2y + 4y + 2x + C_1 \Rightarrow \phi(x, y) = x^2y + 4y + 2x + C_1 = C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x, y) = x^2y + 4y + 2x = C$$

So, we can leave the constant to the end. Note the solution is implicit

We can write

$$x^2y + 4y + 2x = (x^2 + 4)y + 2x = C$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + 4)y = C - 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y = \frac{C - 2x}{x^2 + 4}} \quad \text{explicit}$$

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

$$M(x, y) = 3y + 3y^3 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 3 + 9y^2$$

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

$$\neq$$

\Rightarrow In the form we will not be able to compute a solution

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

$$M(x, y) = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{(-1)(x^2+y^2) + y(2y)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2+y^2}$$

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

So, there is a way forward.

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{-y}{y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(x/y)^2 + 1} \Rightarrow \phi(x, y) = -\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{1}{y} \cdot \arctan(x/y) + p(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y^2} \cdot \arctan(x/y) + p(y)$$

Now $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$ can be computed.

Integrating Factor: It is possible to compute

$$\mu M(x, y) + \mu N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

to get an ODE into the form needed.

Suppose $\psi(x,y) = e^{\phi(x,y)}$ where $\phi(x,y)$ is a potential function for

$$M(x,y) + N(x,y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{\phi(x,y)}) = e^{\phi(x,y)} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^{\phi(x,y)}) = e^{\phi(x,y)} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^{\phi(x,y)} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + e^{\phi(x,y)} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= e^{\phi(x,y)} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \stackrel{0}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

to

So, $e^{\phi(x,y)}$ is also a potential function for the same ODE

Review List on Page 143-44

1. First order linear - integrating factor

$$2. \dots \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y^2 - 6y}{x} \quad \text{separable}$$

$$3. \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 y^2 - 4y^2 = y^2 (x^2 - 4) \Rightarrow \text{Separable}$$

4. Substitution $u = x+y$

5. Directly Integrable

$$\begin{aligned} 6. \text{ Homog? } \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{xy} (y^2 + \sqrt{x^4 + x^2 y^2}) \\ &= \frac{y}{x} + \sqrt{\frac{x^4 + x^2 y^2}{x^2 y^2}} \\ &= \frac{y}{x} + \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{y^2} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Slope Fields

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{16} (9 - y^2)$$

Check up! at (1,2) we can write

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{16} (9 - 4) = \frac{5}{16} = \text{slope of the solution through (1,2).}$$

Procedure:

1. Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x,y)$.
2. Choose an appropriate set of points
3. Create a table of "slopes" at all grid points
4. Group the slopes
5. Draw a smooth curve through the slopes

Ex: $\frac{dP}{dt} = (0.1)P - (0.01)P^2$

Look for constant solutions.

$$F(P) = \frac{1}{10} P - \frac{1}{100} P^2 = \frac{1}{10} P (1 - \frac{1}{10} P)$$

$$P=0, P=10$$

