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## First Order LINEAR EQUATION

The general form of 1<sup>st</sup> order equation is

$$a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = f(x). \rightarrow (1)$$

Transforming (1) into standard form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{a_0(x)}{a_1(x)}y = \frac{f(x)}{a_1(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x), \rightarrow (2)$$

where  $P(x) = \frac{a_0(x)}{a_1(x)}$ ,  $Q(x) = \frac{f(x)}{a_1(x)}$ .

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$$\text{Integrating factor} = M(u) = e^{\int P(x) dx} \quad (2)$$

Multiplying Eq. (2) both sides by integrating factor we have

$$e^{\int P(x) dx} y' + P(u) e^{\int P(x) dx} y = e^{\int P(x) dx} Q(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{\int P(x) dx} y \right] = e^{\int P(x) dx} Q(x), \rightarrow (4)$$

$$\text{b/c } \frac{d}{dx} e^{\int P(x) dx} = P(x) e^{\int P(x) dx}$$

Integrating Eq. (4) both sides w.r.t x

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$$y = \int Q(x) e^{\int P(x) dx} dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-\int P(x) dx} \int Q(x) e^{\int P(x) dx} + C e^{-\int P(x) dx} \quad \rightarrow (5)$$

Exampb2.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 6 \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

Comparing with standard form we  
get

$P(x) = -3$ , so integrating factor is

$$M(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{\int (-3) dx} = e^{-3x} \rightarrow (6)$$

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Multiplying Eq ① both sides by ② we get

$$e^{-3x} \frac{dy}{dx} - 3e^{-3x} y = 6e^{-3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} [e^{-3x} y] = 6e^{-3x}$$

Integrating we have

$$e^{-3x} y = \int 6e^{-3x} dx$$

$$e^{-3x} y = \frac{6e^{-3x}}{-3} + C$$

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$$\Rightarrow y = -2 + C e^{3x} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

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Solve  $x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = x^6 e^x \rightarrow 0$

Transforming into standard form  
we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{4}{x}y = x^5 e^x, \quad (2)$$

Integrating factor is given by

$$M(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{\int \left(-\frac{4}{x}\right) dx} = e^{-4 \ln x} = e^{-4} = x^{-4}$$

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Multiplying (3) into both sides of (2)  
we get

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$$x^{-4} \frac{dy}{dx} - 4x^{-5}y = xe^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}[x^{-4}y] = xe^x, \text{ integrating we have}$$

$$x^{-4}y = \int xe^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-4}y = xe^x + e^x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x^5e^x + x^4e^x + Cx^4 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

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## Exact Equations

Definition:

A differential expression  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy$  is an exact differential in a region  $R$  of the  $xy$ -plane if it corresponds to the differential of some function  $f(x, y)$  defined in  $R$ . A first order differential equation of the form

$$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$$

is said to be an exact equation if the expression on the left-hand side is an exact differential.

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## Theorem

Criterion for an Exact differential.

Let  $M(x, y)$  and  $N(x, y)$  be continuous and have continuous first partial derivatives in a rectangular region  $R$  defined by  $a < x < b$ ,  $c < y < d$ .

Then a necessary and sufficient condition that  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy$  be an exact differential is

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

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Method of Solution  $\Rightarrow$

Given equation  $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$ .  $\rightarrow (1)$

\* Check the exactness via

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \rightarrow (2)$$

Suppose it is exact & (2) is satisfied then there must exists a function  $f(x,y)$  such that

$$df = M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\text{Now } df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}dy \rightarrow (4)$$

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Comparing (3) & (4) we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y). \rightarrow (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y). \rightarrow (6)$$

Integrating (5) w.r.t x we get

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + g(y). \rightarrow (7)$$

Now differentiating (7) w.r.t y  
we get

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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( M(x,y)dx + g(y) \right). \rightarrow (8)$$

Equating (6) & (8) will give  $g(y)$ .

And so

$f(x,y) = c$  will be the  
solution of (1).

Example Solve

$$2xydx + (x^2 - 1)dy = 0. \rightarrow (1)$$

$$M = 2xy \quad N = x^2 - 1.$$

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$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2xy) = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 - 1) = 2x$$

So (1) is exact. Thus

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y) \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xy \longrightarrow (2)$$

$$\& \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 - 1. \longrightarrow (3)$$

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Consider equation (2) we have

$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2xy \rightarrow$  integrating we have

$$F(x,y) = \int 2xy dx = \frac{2x^2y}{2} + g(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x,y) = x^2y + g(y). \rightarrow (4)$$

Differentiating (4) w.r.t  $y$  we have

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 + g'(y). \rightarrow (5)$$

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Comparing (5) & (3) we have

$$x^2 - 1 = x^2 + g'(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(y) = -1$$

Integrating we have

$$g(y) = -y + c_1$$

Thus  $f(x, y) = x^2 y - y + c_1$

So the solution is

$$f(x, y) = c$$

or  $x^2 y - y + c_1 = c$

$$\boxed{x^2 y - y = c_2}$$

Ans.

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Solve  $(e^{2y} - y \cos xy)dx + (2xe^{2y} - x \cos xy + dy)dy = 0$

Solution

The equation is exact  
because

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2e^{2y} + xy \sin xy - \cos xy = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}.$$

Hence a function  $f(x, y)$  exists  
for which

$$M(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad N(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}.$$

Now for ~~any~~ variety we shall  
start with the assumption  
that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y)$ ; that is

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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2xe^{2y} - x \cos xy + 2y$$

$$f(x, y) = 2x \int e^{2y} dy - x \int \cos xy dy + 2 \int y dy.$$

Remember, the reason  $x$  can come out in front of the symbol  $\int$  is that in the integration with respect to  $y$ ,  $x$  is treated as an ordinary constant. It follows that

$$f(x, y) = xe^{2y} - \sin xy + y^2 + h(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{2y} - y \cos xy + h'(x) = e^{2y} - y \cos xy,$$

$\overrightarrow{m(xy)}$

and so  $h'(x) = 0$  OR

$$h(x) = C$$

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Hence a family of solutions

is

$$\boxed{x e^{2y} - \sin xy + y^2 + C = 0}$$

An initial value  
problem :

Solve:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy^2 - \cos x \sin x}{y(1-x^2)},$$

$$y(0) = 2$$

Solution: By writing  
the equation in the  
form

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$$(\cos x \sin x - xy^2)dx + y(1-x^2)dy = 0$$

We recognize that the equation is exact b/c

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -2xy = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}.$$

Now

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = y(1-x^2)$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{2} (1-x^2) + h(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -xy^2 + h'(x) = (\cos x \sin x - xy^2)$$

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The last equation implies  
that  $h'(x) = \cos x \sin x$ .

Integrating gives

$$h(x) = - \int (\cos x)(-\sin x dx) = -\frac{1}{2} \cos^2 x$$

thus

$$\frac{y^2}{2} (1-x^2) - \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 x = C_1$$

OR

$$y^2 (1-x^2) - \cos^2 x = C,$$

Where  $2C_1$  has been  
replaced by  $C$ .

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The initial condition

$$y = 2 \text{ when } x = 0$$

demands that  $4(1) - \cos^2(0) = C$

and . So  $C = 3$

An implicit solution  
of the problem is then

$$y^2(1-x^2) - \cos^2 x = 3.$$

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Non exact Differential Equation  $\Rightarrow$

$$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0, \text{ is nonexact} \quad (1)$$

when  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ .

\* With the use of integrating factor, we can make eq (1) exact.

INTEGRATING FACTOR  $\Rightarrow$

(A) If  $\frac{(M_y - N_x)}{N}$  is a function of  $x$  alone then integrating factor is

$$\mu(x) = \exp\left(\int \frac{(M_y - N_x)}{N} dx\right).$$

Note that,  $M_y = \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$ ,  $N_x = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ .

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(B) If  $\frac{(N_x - M_y)}{M}$  is a function of  $y$  alone then integrating factor is

$$\mu(y) = \exp\left(\int \frac{(N_x - M_y)}{M} dy\right).$$

Example:  $xydx + (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20)dy = 0. \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = x, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) = 4x$$

so  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ , thus  $\textcircled{1}$  is non-exact.

To find the integrating factor consider

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

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$$\frac{My - Nx}{N} = \frac{x - 4x}{2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20} = \frac{-3x}{2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20}$$

which is not function of  $x$  alone so

$M(x) = \exp\left(\int \frac{(My - Nx)}{N} dx\right)$  is not integrating factor.

Now consider

$$\frac{Nx - My}{M} = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}\right) - \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}\right)}{M} = \frac{(4x - x)}{xy}$$

$$= \frac{3x}{xy} = \frac{3}{y}, \text{ which is}$$

function of  $y$ -alone. Thus, integrating factor is

$$M(y) = \exp\left(\int \frac{(Nx - My)}{M} dy\right)$$

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$$\text{or } M(y) = \exp\left(\int \frac{3}{y} dy\right) = e^{3\ln y} = e^{\ln y^3} = y^3,$$

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Multiplying both sides of (1) we get

$$\cancel{x y^4 dx} + \cancel{(2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20)y^3 dy} = 0 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\underbrace{xy^4 dx}_M + \underbrace{y^3(2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) dy}_N = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4xy^3, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4x y^3. \quad (4)$$

Thus, (3) is now exact  
 can be solved with the help of  
 usual method of solving exact  
 equation.

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## Solutions by Substitution

Homogeneous function  $\Rightarrow$

If a function  $f$  possesses the property  
 $f(tx, ty) = t^\alpha f(x, y)$  for some real number  $\alpha$   
then  $f$  is said to be a homogeneous function  
of degree  $\alpha$ .

for example,  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3$  is homogeneous  
function of degree 3 because

$$\begin{aligned} f(tx, ty) &= (tx)^3 + (ty)^3 = t^3 x^3 + t^3 y^3 \\ &= t^3 (x^3 + y^3) = t^3 f(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

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$f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 + 1$ , is not homogeneous, since

$$f(tx, ty) = t^3 x^3 + t^3 y^3 + 1 \neq t^3 f(x, y).$$

\* A function is homogeneous if the degree of each term is the same.

\*\* We can also write homogeneous function then

$$f(u, y) = x^\alpha f(1, u), \quad u = y/x,$$

$$\text{or } f(u, y) = y^\alpha f(u, 1), \quad v = x/y.$$

\*\*\* A differential Equation  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$  is homogeneous if both  $M$  &  $N$  are homogeneous of the same degree.

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Method of Solution  $\Rightarrow$

Given that equation  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0 \rightarrow ①$   
 is homogeneous. Then  $M(x, y) \propto N(x, y)$   
 are homogeneous functions of the same degree.

Thus

$$M(x, y) = x^\alpha M(1, u), \quad u = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$N(x, y) = x^\alpha N(1, u),$$

$$u = \frac{y}{x} \text{ implies } y = ux$$

$$\text{so } dy = udx + xdu$$

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Now

Using ② in ① we can write

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$$x^\alpha M(1, u) dx + x^\alpha N(1, u) (u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M(1, u) dx + N(1, u) u dx + x N(1, u) du = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [M(1, u) + u N(1, u)] dx = -x N(1, u) du$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{N(1, u)}{(M(1, u) + u N(1, u))} du$$

Integrating on both sides the above equation we will get the solution in terms of  $x$  &  $u$ . Then substitute back  $u = y/x$  and get the solution of (1).

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Example Solve

$$(x-y)dx + xdy = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

clearly both  $M = x-y$  &  $N = x$  are  
homogeneous function of degree 1. So (1)  
is homogeneous equation. Thus, let  $y = ux$

so  $dy = udx + xdu$ . Using this in (1)

have

we  $(x-ux)dx + x(u dx + x du) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x(1-u)dx + ux dx + x^2 du = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-u)dx + u dx + x du = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-u+u)dx + x du = 0$$

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$$dx + xdu = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad dx = -x du$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = -du \quad , \text{ integrating both sides}$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = - \int du$$

$$\ln x + \ln C = -u \quad \text{or} \quad -u = \ln(Cx)$$

or  $e^{-u} = Cx$

Putting back  $u = y/x$  we have

$e^{-y/x} = Cx$

Ans.

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Example Solve  $(x^2+y^2)dx + (x^2-xy)dy = 0$

Solution  $\Rightarrow$

Inspection of  $M(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

and  $N(x, y) = x^2 - xy$  shows

that these coefficients are homogeneous functions of

degree 2. If we let  $y = ux$ ,

then  $dy = u dx + x du$ ,

so after substituting, the given equation becomes

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$$(x^2 + u^2 x^2) dx + (x^2 - ux^2) [u dx + x du] = 0$$

$$x^2(1+u)dx + x^3(1-u)du = 0$$

$$\frac{1-u}{1+u} du \div \frac{dx}{x} = 0$$

$$\left[ -1 + \frac{2}{1+u} \right] du \div \frac{dx}{x} = 0$$

long division

After integration the last line gives

$$-u + 2 \ln|1+u| + \ln|x| = \ln|c|$$

$$-\frac{y}{x} + 2 \ln\left|\frac{1+y/x}{x}\right| + \ln|x| = \ln|c|$$

resubstituting  $u = y/x$

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Using the properties of logarithms, we can write  
the preceding solution

as

$$\ln \left| \frac{(x+y)^2}{cx} \right| = \frac{y}{x}$$

OR  $(x+y)^2 = cx e^{\frac{y}{x}}$ .

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# Bernoulli's Equation:

The differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = f(x)y^n$$

Where  $n$  is any real number, is called Bernoulli's equation.

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Note that for  $n=0$   
and  $n=1$  equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = f(x)y^n$$

is linear. For  $n \neq 0$   
and  $n \neq 1$  the substitution  
 $u = y^{1-n}$  reduces any  
equation of form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = f(x)y^n$$

to a linear equation

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# Bernoulli's DE

Solve

$$\frac{xdy}{dx} + y = xy^2$$

Solution:

We first rewrite  
the equation as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x}y = xy^2$$

by dividing by  $x$ . with  $n=$

We have  $u = y^{-1}$  or

$$y = u^{-1}$$

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We then substitute

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = -u^{-2} \frac{du}{dx}$$

Chain Rule

into the given equation

and simplify. The result

is

$$\frac{du}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} u = -x$$

The integrating factor

for this linear equation

on, say  $(0, \infty)$  is

$$e^{-\int dx/x} = e^{-\ln x} = e^{\ln x^{-1}} = x^{-1}$$

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Integrating

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-1} u] = -1$$

gives  $x^{-1} u = -x + C$  OR  $u = -x^2 + Cx$

Since  $u = y^{-1}$ , we have  $y = \frac{1}{u}$   
and so a solution of  
the given equation is

$$y = \frac{1}{(-x^2 + Cx)}$$