

Example:

Separable Differential Equations

Suppose we have a differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y' = f(x, y)$$

and this can be written in the form

$$p(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = q(x)$$

where $p(y)$ and $q(x)$ are some function of y and x respectively. Suppose that $y = g(x)$ is a solution to the differential equation,

then
$$p(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) = q(x)$$

Integrate both sides w.r.t x we get

$$\int p(g(x)) g'(x) dx = \int q(x) dx$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} p(g(x)) dx = \int q(x) dx + C$$

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Example: Solve the differential equation
$$y' = -2xy^3$$

Then rewrite the DE

$$\frac{y'}{y^3} = -2x. \quad * \text{ assume } y \neq 0$$

Here $p(y) = \frac{1}{y^3}$ & $q(x) = -2x$

Integrate the DE ~~again~~

$$\int \frac{1}{y^3} dy = -\int 2x dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{y^2} = -x^2 + C \quad \text{OR} \quad y^2 = \frac{1}{2(x^2 - C)}$$

is a general solution to the DE.

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Note we assume $y \neq 0$ therefore we assume $y \neq 0$

we have to check if $y \equiv 0$ is a solution

$$y' = -2xy^3$$

$$\text{vr } y \geq 0$$

two

so is the
solution.

particular

particular solution.
 Thus $y^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x^2 c} \right)$ is a general solution
 for solution

$y = \frac{1}{2}(x-c)$
 $y=0$ is a particular solution

Exercise: Solve the initial value problem
 $y'' + y = \sec x \tan x$ $y(0) = 3$

$$y' = \frac{\sec x \tan x}{5y^4 + 2e^{2y}}$$

with $y(0) = 3$

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Lesson 9: Exact Differential Equations

A differential equation

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

is said to be exact if

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

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Checking a differential equation is exact is the exact same process as checking whether a 2D-vector field is conservative, that is, a vector field V is conservative if $\exists f = f(x,y)$ s.t.

$$V = \nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

think that $V = \begin{bmatrix} M(x,y) \\ N(x,y) \end{bmatrix}$ then find f

(*) is due to Clairaut's theorem which states for C^2 function f

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

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A function $f(x,y)$ is a solution to the
DE $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$ if the
differential of f , $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = 0$

Example: show that

$$(3x^2 - 2y^2) dx + (1 - 4xy) dy = 0$$

is exact.

Solution: here $M(x,y) = 3x^2 - 2y^2$
 $N(x,y) = 1 - 4xy$

then $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -4y$ & $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -4y$

As $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ hence the DE is exact

How to solve exact DEs?

One needs (and should be able to) find f

for which $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x,y)$ and

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

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Then $f(x,y) = 0$ is an implicit solution to the exact DE.

Now since $\frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} = M(x,y)$

then integrate wrt x you get

$$\int \frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} dx = \int M(x,y) + g(y)$$

Then $f(x,y) = \int M(x,y) dx + g(y)$

Then using $\frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial y} = N(x,y)$
find $g(y)$.

Example: Remember the previous example, we already knew it's an exact DE. But the solution.

$$M(x,y) = 3x^2 - 2y^2 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

To find f integrate wrt x ;

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) &= \int (3x^2 - 2y^2) dx + g(y) = 0 \\ &= x^3 - 2xy^2 + g(y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now we need to find $g(y)$ by using

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y) = 1 - 4xy$$

Since $f(x, y) = x^3 - 2xy^2 + g(y)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = -4xy + g'(y) = 1 - 4xy$$

Therefore $g'(y) = 1$, hence $g(y) = y + c$.

From this we get $f(x, y) = x^3 - 2xy^2 + y + c = 0$

Exercises: Determine whether

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

is exact, if it's, find the solution.

Lesson 10B: Integrating Factor

The previous example is not exact.

But if we multiply M and N by

$$\mu(x, y) = \frac{x^{-1}}{y}$$

Then $M(x,y) \cdot x^{-1}y = y^3 + 4xy^2 = \tilde{M}(x,y)$

$N(x,y) \cdot x^{-1}y = 3xy^2 + 4x^2y = \tilde{N}(x,y)$

and $\frac{\partial \tilde{M}}{\partial y} = 3y^2 + 8xy$ $\neq \frac{\partial \tilde{N}}{\partial x} = 3y^2$

$\frac{\partial \tilde{N}}{\partial x} = 3y^2 + 8xy$

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

is an exact ~~DE~~ DE.

Defn! A function $\mu(x,y)$ is called an integrating factor for the DE $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$

If the DE $\mu(x,y)M(x,y)dx + \mu(x,y)N(x,y)dy = 0$

is exact.

* Finding the integrating factor is not EASY.

Consider the new DE which is exact.

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

Since this DE is exact then

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

Equivalently,

$$\mu_y M + \mu \cdot M_y = \mu_x N + \mu \cdot N_x$$

Capture μ and derivatives of μ

$$(*) \quad \mu (M_y - N_x) = \mu_x N - \mu_y M$$

Further assume that the integrating factor $\mu(x,y) = P(x) Q(y)$.

Then $\mu_x = P'(x) Q(y)$ and $\mu_y = P(x) \cdot Q'(y)$.

Plugging these into (*) we get

$$P(x) Q(y) \cdot (M_y - N_x) = P'(x) Q(y) N - P(x) Q'(y) M$$

Divide everything by $P(x)$ and $Q(y)$

To have

$$M_y - N_x = \frac{P'(x)}{P(x)} N - \frac{Q'(y)}{Q(y)} N \quad (*)$$

let $p(x) = \frac{P'(x)}{P(x)}$ and $q(y) = \frac{Q'(y)}{Q(y)}$

(*) becomes

$$M_y - N_x = p(x) N - q(y) N$$

Focus on $p(x)$ and $q(y)$

$$\int p(x) dx = \ln P(x) \quad \text{or} \quad P(x) = e^{\int p(x) dx}$$

$$\int q(x) dx = \ln Q(x) \quad \text{or} \quad Q(x) = e^{\int q(x) dx}$$

(*) No guarantee that we can find $p(x)$ and $q(y)$. there are some conditions under which we can find $p(x)$ and $q(y)$:

Thm: Consider the DE $M dx + N dy = 0$

a) if $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N}$ is independent of y

define $p(x) = \frac{M_y - N_x}{N}$

Then $\mu(x) = e^{\int p(x) dx}$ is an integrating factor
for $M dx + N dy = 0$

b) If $\frac{N_x - M_y}{M}$ is independent of x

then $q(y) = \frac{N_x - M_y}{M}$ is an integrating factor

$\mu(y) = e^{\int q(y) dy}$ is an integrating

factor for the DE $M dx + N dy = 0$.

Example! Find an integrating factor for DE
 $(2xy^3 - 2x^3y^3 - 4xy^2 + 2x) dx + (3x^2y^2 + 4y) dy = 0$
and find the solution.

Solution!