

Exact Differential Equation:

A differential equation of type

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

is called exact differential equation if there exists a function of two variables $F(x, y)$ with continuous partial derivatives such that

$$\begin{aligned} dF(x, y) &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy \\ &= M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy \end{aligned}$$

The general solution of an exact equation is given by

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

Test for Exactness:

Let the function $M(x, y)$ and $N(x, y)$ have continuous partial derivatives in a certain domain D . The differential equation

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

is an exact equation if and only if

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

Algorithm for solving an Exact Differential Equation:

Step1:Test for exactness

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

Step 2:If exact, we write the system of two differential equations that define the function $F(x, y)$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M(x, y) \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N(x, y) \text{-----}(2)$$

Step 3: Integrate the first equation over the variable x. Instead of the constant C, we write an unknown function of y.

$$F(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + \phi(y) \text{-----}(3)$$

Step 4: Differentiating with respect to y, we substitute the value of $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$ into the second equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\int M(x, y) dx + \phi(y)] \text{-----}(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow N(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\int M(x, y) dx + \phi(y)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(y) = N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\int M(x, y) dx]$$

Step 5: The general solution of the exact differential equation is given by

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

$$1: (3x^2y + 2)dx + (x^3 + y)dy = 0 \text{ (Class work)}$$

$$2: (x + y)dy + (y - x)dx = 0 \text{ (Class work)}$$

$$3: (y^2 - 2xy + 6x)dx - (x^2 - 2xy + 2)dy = 0 \text{ (Class Work)}$$

$$4: y \sin 2x dx - (y^2 + \cos^2 x dy) = 0 \text{ (HW)}$$

$$(\text{ans. } 3y \cos 2x - 2y^3 + c = 0)$$

$$5: (2x - y + 1)dx + (2y - x - 1)dy = 0 \text{ (HW)}$$

$$(\text{ans. } x^2 - xy + x + y^2 - y = 0)$$

$$6: (x^2y - 2xy^2)dx - (x^3 - 3xy^2) = 0$$

$$7: (1 - xy)ydx - (1 + xy)x dy = 0$$

