

1.6 Subs methods and Exact Equations (continued)

from calculus $f(x, y) = C$ is a level curve

↳ a function of x

the total or exact differential of f is

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad f_x dx + f_y dy = 0$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

so, if we see a differential equation written in the form

$$M dx + N dy = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \cancel{M_y} \quad M_y = N_x$$

Exact
Differential
Equation

if this is true, then there must be a function $f(x, y)$

such that $f_x = M$ and $f_y = N$

and the implicit solution is $f(x, y) = C$

example

$$\underbrace{(3x^2 + 2y^2)}_M dx + \underbrace{(4xy + 6y^2)}_N dy = 0$$

is exact if $M_y = N_x$

$$M_y = 4y \quad N_x = 4y \quad \text{so eq. is exact}$$

so there is a function $f(x, y)$ such that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_x = M = 3x^2 + 2y^2 \\ f_y = N = 4xy + 6y^2 \end{array} \right\} \text{pick one to integrate}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 2y^2 \rightarrow f = \int (3x^2 + 2y^2) dx =$$

y is constant

$$f = x^3 + 2y^2x + g(y)$$

to find $g(y)$, take partial of f above with respect to y
and compare to N

$$f_y = \underbrace{4xy + g'(y)}_{\substack{\text{from } f \text{ we got} \\ \text{by integration}}} = \underbrace{4xy + 6y^2}_N$$

$$g'(y) = 6y^2 \quad \text{so } g(y) = 2y^3 + C_1 \quad C_1: \text{ constant}$$

$$\text{so } f(x, y) = x^3 + 2y^2x + 2y^3 + C_1$$

solution of this exact differential eq. is $f(x, y) = C$

$$f(x, y) = x^3 + 2y^2x + 2y^3 + C_1 = C$$

or $\boxed{x^3 + 2y^2x + 2y^3 = C}$

Some equations can be classified in many ways

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$$

separable? yes $\frac{1}{y} dy = -\frac{1}{x} dx$

linear? yes $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} y = 0$

homogeneous? yes $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

exact? yes $x dy = -y dx$

$$y dx + x dy = 0$$

$$M = y \quad N = x$$

$$M_y = 1 \quad N_x = 1$$

if $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$

not exact anymore

$$-y dx + x dy = 0$$

$$M = -y \quad N = x$$

$$M_y = -1 \quad N_x = 1 \quad M_y \neq N_x$$

Some 2nd-order eqs. can be transformed into 1st-order eqs.

1. the independent variable x does not appear

example: $y'' = -y$

make the substitution

$$p = \frac{dy}{dx} = y'$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = y'' = \frac{dp}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = p \frac{dp}{dy}$$

try it on $y'' = -y$

$$p \frac{dp}{dy} = -y$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{y''}$

1st-order in p and y
and is separable

solve for y , then recover y

from $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$p dp = -y dy$$

$$\frac{1}{2} p^2 = -\frac{1}{2} y^2 + C$$

$$p^2 = -y^2 + C$$

$$p = \sqrt{C - y^2}$$

(assume $p = y' > 0$)

$$p = \frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{C - y^2}$$

separable in y and x

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{C - y^2}} dy = dx$$

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$$y = \text{—}$$

2. if the dependent variable y does not appear in eq.

example: $xy'' + y' = x$

substitution: $p = \frac{dy}{dx} = y'$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = y''$$

try it: $x \frac{dp}{dx} + p = x$

1st-order in p and x

$$\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} p = 1$$

linear w/ p coefficients
containing on x
and/or numbers

$$I = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$x \left(\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} p \right) = x$$

$$x \frac{dp}{dx} + p = x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xp) = x \rightarrow xp = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

$$p = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{C}{x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y = \int \left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{C}{x} \right) dx$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + C \ln x + D \quad \leftarrow \text{constant}$$