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Last time:

- Mods of failure for the solution to an ODE to exist
 - Intervals of existence
 - Ex: $\cos t < a$ in order for solution to be real.

- Application: Orthogonal trajectories

- If $F(x,y,c) = 0$ defines a family of smooth curves, then these curves satisfy $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{\partial F / \partial x}{\partial F / \partial y} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Orthogonal (perpendicular)} \\ \text{curve satisfies: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\partial F / \partial y}{\partial F / \partial x} \end{array} \right.$$

- Exact Differential Equation:

These have the form $\frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t,y) = 0$,

and therefore the solution is $\varphi(t,y) = C$.

$$\text{Expand: } \frac{d}{dt} \varphi = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t}}_M + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}}_N = 0$$

Theorem: Let M, N be continuously differentiable in $(a,b) \times (c,d)$.

There exists a function φ s.t. $M = \partial \varphi / \partial t$ and $N = \partial \varphi / \partial y$

if and only if $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}$ in $(a,b) \times (c,d)$.

Proof: $M = \partial \varphi / \partial t$ if and only if

$$\varphi(t,y) = \int M(t,y) dt + h(y)$$

so that $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = M + \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0$

arbitrary function of y

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Then, we have that $\frac{\partial q}{\partial y} = \int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dt + h'$

Therefore, $\frac{\partial q}{\partial y} = N$ if and only if $N(t,y) = \int \frac{\partial M(t,y)}{\partial y} dt + h'(y)$,

or rather $\underbrace{h'(y)}_{\text{function of } y} = \underbrace{N(t,y) - \int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(t,y) dt}_{\text{function of } y \text{ and } t}$

This only makes sense if the RHS is a function of only y , so that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(N - \int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dt \right) = \frac{\partial N}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 0$$

So, if $\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} \neq \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$ then no q exists.

If $\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$, then $h(y) = \int N dy - \int \int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dt dy$

and $q = \int M dt + \int N dy - \iint \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dt dy$ (from above).

Definition The ODE $M(t,y) + N(t,y) \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ is exact if $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}$.

$\Rightarrow M + N \frac{dy}{dt}$ is the exact derivative of some function $q = q(t,y)$.

Note: $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t,y)$ can always be written in the above

form by $\underbrace{-f(t,y)}_M + \underbrace{1 \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}}_N = 0$.

How do we compute q for exact ODEs?

Option 1: Start with $M = \partial q / \partial t$. This determines q up to an arbitrary function of y :

$$M = \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \Rightarrow q = \int M dt + h(y).$$

Next solve $h'(y) = N - \int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dt$

Option 2: Vice versa, $N = \partial q / \partial y$ implies that

$$q = \int N dy + k(t)$$

then since $M = \partial q / \partial t \Rightarrow M = \int \frac{\partial N}{\partial t} dy + k'$,

compute $k = \int M dy - \iint \frac{\partial N}{\partial t} dy dt + C$

Option 3: By inspection, note that

$$\begin{aligned} q(t,y) &= \int M(t,y) dt + h(y) \\ &= \int N(t,y) dy + k(t) \end{aligned}$$

Example Find general solution to

$$\underbrace{3y + e^t}_M + \underbrace{(3t + \cos y)}_N y' = 0$$

Check exactness: $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 3 \quad \checkmark$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = 3$$

Option 1: We have $q(t,y) = \int M dt + h(y)$
 $= 3ty + e^t + h(y)$

so $h'(y) = \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} - 3t$

$$= N - 3t = \cos y \Rightarrow h(y) = \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow q = 3ty + e^t + \sin y + C.$$

By inspection:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(t,y) &= \int M dt + h(y) \\ &= \int N dy + k(t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \varphi(t,y) &= 3ty + e^t + h(y) \\ &= 3ty + \sin y + k(t)\end{aligned}$$

relationship is obvious.

Choose whatever method is easiest based on ability to integrate M, N , etc.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}3t^2 + 4ty + (2y + 2t^2)y' &= 0 \\ y(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Integrating Factors for Exact Diff. Eq.

If an equation is not exact, can it be made exact?

Examine: $M(t,y) + N(t,y)y' = 0$

Multiplying through by μ yields the condition:

$$\mu M + \mu N y' = 0$$

This is exact if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\mu M) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\mu N) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial y} M + \mu \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t} N + \mu \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

In general, we cannot find an explicit solution to this.

If, however, we assume $\mu = \mu(t)$ (i.e. doesn't depend on y) then

$$\Rightarrow \mu \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t} N + \mu \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial M / \partial y - \partial N / \partial t}{N} \right) \mu.$$

only a
function of
 t

must also only
be a function of
 t

$$\Rightarrow \mu = e^{\int \frac{M_y - N_t}{N} dt}$$

is
an integrating factor.

And vice versa when assuming $\mu = \mu(y)$.

Example: Find general solution to:

$$\underbrace{\frac{y^2}{2} + 2y e^t}_M + \underbrace{(y + e^t)}_N \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = y + 2e^t$$

\Rightarrow NOT EXACT

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = e^t$$

$$\text{But } \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{1}{y + e^t} (y + 2e^t - e^t) = \frac{y + e^t}{y + e^t} = 1$$

\Rightarrow Integrating factor exists,

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial t} \right) dt} = e^t.$$

These examples are rather contrived, involving very special-case scenarios. Not very physically relevant.