

Section 2.3. Linear Equations (1st order)

Def: A FOLE is an equation of the form:

$$\underbrace{y' + P(x)y}_{\text{LHS}} = f(x) \quad (\text{standard form}) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

⊕ Not separable in general

⊕ Method of solving:

Idea: LHS is the derivative of some product
(product rule)

$$\text{Product rule: } (uv)' = u'v + uv'$$

$y = u, v = \mu$
Look for an integrating factor $\mu(x)$
 $\mu(x) y' + \mu(x) P(x) y = \mu(x) f(x)$
→ compare LHS

$$\text{Need } \mu(x) P(x) = v' = \mu'(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int \frac{\mu'(x)}{\mu(x)} = \int P(x) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

② determines the integrating factor

$$\ln(\mu(x)) = \int P(x) dx$$

$$\boxed{\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}}$$

Once $\mu(x)$ is determined then the eq becomes

$$\underline{(\mu(x) y)'} = \underline{\mu(x) f(x)} \quad \textcircled{3}$$

Taking integration on both sides of (3)

$$\mu(x) y = \int \mu(x) f(x) dx$$

$$y = \frac{\int \mu(x) f(x) dx}{\mu(x)}$$

In summary: $y' + P(x)y = f(x)$ (1)

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} \quad : \text{integrating factor}$$

$$\int (\mu y)' = \int \mu f \quad (3)$$

$$y = \frac{\int \mu(x) f(x) dx}{\mu(x)} \quad \leftarrow$$

Note: Homogeneous FOLE: ($f(x) \equiv 0$)

$$\int \mu(x) 0 dx = C = \text{constant}$$

$$y = \frac{C}{\mu(x)}$$

Ex: (1) $xy' + y = 0$ (Not in standard form)

- Transform into standard form:

$$y' + y \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad (\text{in standard})$$

$$- P(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad \mu(x) = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$- (yx)' = x \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$yx = C \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{C}{x}} \quad x \neq 0$$

is the general sol.

- Consider $x=0, y=0 \Rightarrow$ Trivial sol

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \boxed{y' + \frac{y}{x} = 4x^2} \quad \text{FOLE.}$$

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad u(x) = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = x$$

$$\int (xy)' = u(x) f(x) = x(4x^2) = \int 4x^3 dx$$

$$\boxed{xy = x^4 + C}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{x^4 + C}{x} = x^3 + \frac{C}{x}}$$

general sol

Observation: Sol to $\boxed{y' + \frac{y}{x} = 4x^2}$ is $x^3 + \frac{C}{x}$ ← non-h
 Sol to $\boxed{y' + \frac{y}{x} = 0}$ is $\frac{C}{x}$ → homogeneous

Principle: The sol to a non-homogeneous eq is the sum of 2 solutions $y = y_c + y_p$
 $y_c =$ complementary sol = sol to the

corresponding homogeneous eq
 $y_p =$ particular sol

Ex: $y' + 2y = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & x > 3 \end{cases}$ $y(0) = 0$
 IVP

⊕ $0 \leq x \leq 3$, $y' + 2y = 2$, $y(0) = 0$
 $P(x) = 2$, $\mu(x) = e^{\int 2 dx} = e^{2x}$

$$\int (\mu y)' = \int \mu(x) 2 = \int 2 e^{2x} dx$$

$$\mu y = e^{2x} + C$$

$$y = \frac{e^{2x} + C}{e^{2x}} = 1 + \frac{C}{e^{2x}} \Leftarrow \text{general sol}$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{C}{e^0} = 0, 1 + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -1.$$

$$y = 1 - \frac{1}{e^{2x}}, y(3) = 1 - \frac{1}{e^6}$$

⊕ $x > 3$, $y' + 2y = 0$
 $y = \frac{C}{e^{2x}}$ \Leftarrow has to determine C (IUP)

$$y(3) = 1 - \frac{1}{e^6} = \frac{C}{e^6}$$

$$1 = \frac{C+1}{e^6} \Rightarrow C+1 = e^6 \Rightarrow C = e^6 - 1$$

The final answer $y = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{e^{2x}}, & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ \frac{e^6 - 1}{e^{2x}}, & x > 3 \end{cases}$

2.4 Exact Equations

Theoretical discussion:

Differential of a function of 2 variables

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

$$0 = dF = M dx + N dy, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \quad N = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$$N \frac{dy}{dx} + M = N y' + M$$

$$\begin{array}{c} F \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ x \quad y = y(x) \end{array}$$

Def: The expression $M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy$ is exact if it corresponds to the differential of some function $F(x, y)$.

A first order ODE of the form $\underbrace{M dx + N dy}_{\text{LHS}} = 0$ is exact if the LHS is exact.

In practice: Criterion for Being exact

$$M dx + N dy \text{ is exact iff } \boxed{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}$$

Ex: $x dx + y dy = 0 \Rightarrow \text{exact.}$

$$M(x,y) = x, \quad N(x,y) = y$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 0$$

Ex: $xy dx + (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) dy = 0 \Rightarrow \text{non-exact}$

$$M = xy, \quad N = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = x \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4x$$

Method of solving.

Case 1: Exact $M dx + N dy = 0$

$F = \text{constant}$, $M = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$, $N = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$

Need to determine F !

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

$$N = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}, \quad N(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\int M(x,y) dx) + g'$$

$$g' = N - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\int M(x,y) dx)$$

Solve for $g(y) \Rightarrow F(x,y)$

Ex: $x dx + y dy = 0$

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

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

$$= \frac{x^2}{2} + g(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N, \quad y = N = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) + g' = g'$$

$$g'(y) = y \Rightarrow g = \int y dy = \frac{y^2}{2} + C.$$

$$F = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + C$$

The implicit solution to the ODE is

$$F = \text{constant}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} = C$$

Case 2: Non-exact to exact via integrating

$$\tilde{M} dx + \tilde{N} dy = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \tilde{M}}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial \tilde{N}}{\partial x}$$

$$(\mu \tilde{M}) dx + (\mu \tilde{N}) dy = 0$$

$$M = \mu \tilde{M}, \quad N = \mu \tilde{N}$$

$$\text{To be exact: } \mu_y \tilde{M} + \mu \tilde{M}_y - \mu_x \tilde{N} - \mu \tilde{N}_x = 0$$

In general, not possible.

Special cases:

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$$\oplus \frac{\tilde{M}_y - \tilde{N}_x}{\tilde{N}} = f(x) \text{ (not depending on } y)$$

then $\mu = e^{\int f(x) dx}$

$$\oplus \frac{\tilde{M}_y - \tilde{N}_x}{\tilde{M}} = g(y) \text{ (not depending on } x)$$

then $\mu = e^{-\int g(y) dy}$

Ex: $xy dx + (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) dy = 0$

$$\tilde{M} = xy, \quad \tilde{N} = 2x^2 + 4y^2 - 20$$

$$\tilde{M}_y = \frac{\partial \tilde{M}}{\partial y} = x \neq \frac{\partial \tilde{N}}{\partial x} = 4x = \tilde{N}_x$$

Observe: $\frac{\tilde{M}_y - \tilde{N}_x}{\tilde{M}} = \frac{x - 4x}{xy} = \frac{-3}{y} = g(y)$

$$\mu = e^{\int \frac{3}{y} dy} = e^{3 \ln y} = y^3$$

$$y^3 (xy dx + (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) dy) = 0$$

$$xy^4 dx + y^3 (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) dy = 0$$

$$M = xy^4, \quad N = y^3 (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20)$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4xy^3, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = y^3 4x \quad \checkmark \text{ exact!}$$

Using the method for exact equation:

$$F(x,y) = \int M dx + g(y) = \int xy^4 dx + g(y)$$

$$= \frac{y^4 x^2}{2} + g(y)$$

$$N = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \Rightarrow y^3 (2x^2 + 3y^2 - 20) = \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{y^4 x^2}{2} \right) + g'(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(y) = y^3(3y^2 - 20) = 3y^5 - 20y^3 = 2y^3x^2 + g'(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(y) = \int g'(y) dy = \frac{y^6}{2} - 5y^4$$

$$F(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y^4}{2} + \frac{y^6}{2} - 5y^4$$

General implicit solution $\frac{x^2 y^4}{2} + \frac{y^6}{2} - 5y^4 = C$

Ex: $(2x + yx^{-1}) dx + (xy - 1) dy = 0$

$$\tilde{M} = 2x + yx^{-1}, \quad \tilde{N} = xy - 1$$

$$\tilde{M}_y = x^{-1}, \quad \tilde{N}_x = y \Rightarrow \text{Non-exact}$$

Observe: $\frac{\tilde{M}_y - \tilde{N}_x}{\tilde{N}} = \frac{x^{-1} - y}{xy - 1} = -\frac{1}{x} = f(x)$

$$\mu = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + yx^{-2}) dx + (y - x^{-1}) dy = 0 \quad \text{Exact!}$$