

*Substitution Methods & Exact Equations:

Warm up: Fill in the chart below:

Type	Eqn	Method
homogeneous	$\frac{dy}{dx} = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$	substitution $v = \frac{y}{x}$
Bernoulli	$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$	substitution $v = y^{1-n}$

I. Exact Equations:

A general solution of a 1st order ODE can be written in implicit form:

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

where C is const

Ex: $xy^2 - \frac{2x}{\ln(x)} = C$ general soln

We can recover the ODE by taking a derivative of both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [F(x, y(x)) = C]$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

we can rewrite as:

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

1st order
ODE

Sometimes we write

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

(*)

called the differential form

... write a function $F(x, y)$ such that

Def: If there exists a function $F(x,y)$ such that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$$

then the ODE (*) is called exact and the implicit equation

$$F(x,y) = C \quad \text{solves (*)}$$

Note: There is a quick check for exactness

1. Take the y -derivative of M

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial x}$$

2. Take the x -derivative of N

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y}$$

3. Assume that $F(x,y)$ is "nice" then

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

That implies

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

An ODE like (*) is exact if $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

Ex: Is the following ODE exact?

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

$$M = y^3$$

$$N = 3xy^2$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 3y^2 = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

so yes, exact

$$(b) \quad y \, dx + 3x \, dy = 0$$

$$M = y$$

$$N = 3x$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1$$

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

NOT exact.

Method for Solving an Exact ODE $(*) M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$

1. Check that $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ (if not, stop)

2. Integrate M wrt x (since $M = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$)

$$F_M = \int M(x,y) \, dx$$

3. Integrate N wrt y (since $N = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$)

$$F_N = \int N(x,y) \, dy$$

4. Combine F_M and F_N , being sure not to duplicate terms.

Ex: $(6xy - y^3)dx + (4y + 3x^2 - 3xy^2)dy = 0$

$$M = 6xy - y^3$$

$$N = 4y + 3x^2 - 3xy^2$$

1. Check if ODE exact

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (6xy - y^3) = 6x - 3y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (4y + 3x^2 - 3xy^2) = 0 + 6x - 3y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 6x - 3y^2 \rightarrow \text{exact.}$$

2. Integrate M wrt x

$$F_M = \int (6xy - y^3) \, dx = \frac{6x^2}{2}y - xy^3 + C_1(y)$$

$$F_M = 3x^2y - xy^3 + C_1(y)$$

∴ ∴ ∴ $F_M = C_1(y)$ since

$$F_M = 3x^2y - y^3$$

Note: add on a fun $C_1(y)$ since $M = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$ will not capture any information about purely y -terms

3. Integrate N wrt y

$$F_N = \int 4y + 3x^2 - 3xy^2 dy$$

$$= \frac{4y^2}{2} + 3x^2y - \frac{3xy^3}{3} + C_2(x)$$

$$F_N = 2y^2 + 3x^2y - xy^3 + C_2(x)$$

4. Combine F_M and F_N

$$F_M = \underline{3x^2y} - \underline{xy^3} + \underline{C_1(y)}$$

$$F_N = \underline{3x^2y} - \underline{xy^3} + \underline{2y^2} + C_2(x)$$

common terms: $3x^2y - xy^3$

We see that: $C_1(y) = 2y^2$

$$C_2(x) = 0$$

$$\text{so } F(x,y) = 3x^2y - xy^3 + 2y^2$$

The solution to the ODE

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

Ex: $\frac{1}{x} dx + 6y^2 dy = 0$

1. Check if exact:

$$M = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$N = 6y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 0$$

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

exact

... into M wot x

2. Integrate M wrt x

$$F_M = \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x) + c_1(y)$$

3. Integrate N wrt y

$$F_N = \int 6y^2 dy = \frac{6y^3}{3} + c_2(x)$$

4. Combine terms

$$F_M = \underline{\ln(x)} + \underline{c_1(y)}$$

$$F_N = \underline{2y^3} + \underline{c_2(x)}$$

There are no common terms

$$F(x, y) = \ln(x) + 2y^3$$

Solution to the ODE

$$\boxed{\ln(x) + 2y^3 = C}$$

II. Reducible 2nd order ODE:

A general 2nd order ODE can be written:

$$F(x, y, y', y'') = 0$$

GOAL: Make a change of variables to convert this into a 1st order ODE.

Case 1: y is missing from ODE

$$F(x, y', y'') = 0$$

Substitution:

$$y' = p(x)$$

$$y'' = p'(x)$$

$$F(x, p, p') = 0 \rightarrow \text{1st order}$$

$F(x, p, p') = 0 \rightarrow$ 1st order
 Solve for $p(x)$
 \hookrightarrow convert back to $y(x)$

Ex: $xy'' + 3y' = 8x$ 2nd order linear

y -term is missing
 substitute: $y' = p(x)$
 $y'' = p'$

$xp' + 3p = 8x$ 1st order

Rewrite:

$p' + \frac{3}{x}p = 8$ linear

Solve by integrating factor

$\mu(x) = \exp\left(\int \frac{3}{x} dx\right) = \exp(3\ln(x)) = x^3$

Solve for $p(x)$

$x^3 p' + \frac{3}{x} x^3 p = 8x^3$

$\int \frac{d}{dx} [x^3 p] = \int 8x^3$

$x^3 p = \frac{8x^4}{4} + C_1 = 2x^4 + C_1$

$p(x) = x^{-3} (2x^4 + C_1)$

$p(x) = 2x + C_1 x^{-3}$

Convert back to $y(x)$

$y' = p(x) = 2x + C_1 x^{-3}$ 1st order ODE

solve by direct integration

$\int y' = \int 2x + C_1 x^{-3} dx$

$y(x) = \frac{2x^2}{2} + \frac{C_1 x^{-2}}{-2} + C_2$

$$y(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{c_1 x}{-2} + c_2$$

Solution:

$$y(x) = x^2 - \frac{c_1}{2} x^{-2} + c_2$$

Recall: $F(x, y, y', y'') = 0$

Case 2: x is missing

$$F(y, y', y'') = 0$$

Substitution: $y' = p(y)$

$$y'' = \frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{dp}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{dp}{dy}\right) p = p \frac{dp}{dy}$$

ODE: $F(y, p, p \frac{dp}{dy}) = 0$

Solve for $p(y)$
convert back to $y(x)$

Ex: $yy'' = (y')^2$
 x term is missing

Substitution: $y' = p$
 $y'' = p \frac{dp}{dy}$

plug into ODE

ODE:

$$y \left(p \frac{dp}{dy} \right) = (p)^2$$

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

1st order
separable

Solve by separation of variables

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

$$\ln p = \ln y + C_1 = \left(e^{\ln y} \right) \left(e^{C_1} \right)$$

A

$$p = Ay$$

Convert py into $y(x)$

$$y' = p = Ay$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = Ay$$

1st order ODE
Separable

Separation of variables

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int A dx$$

$$\ln y = Ax + C_2$$

$$y(x) = Be^{Ax}$$

NOTE: We have 2 unknown constants
→ 2 integrals
→ 2nd order equation

Summary:

Method

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Type	Eqn	Method
Exact	$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$ $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$	Integrate (F_x, F_y) $F(x,y) = C$
2nd order Reducible (no y term)	$F(x, y', y'') = 0$	Substitution $y' = p(z)$ $y'' = p'$
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