

Lecture 4. Exact eqn & Integrating Factors

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Thm: Let M, N, M_y, N_x be cont. func, in region

$R: \alpha < x < \beta, \gamma < y < \delta$, Then

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) y' = 0 \quad \text{①}$$

is an exact diff eqn in R iff

$$M_y(x, y) = N_x(x, y)$$

at each pt in R . That is there exists a fun.

ψ satisfies $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = M, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = N$.

iff M, N satisfies $M_y(x, y) = N_x(x, y)$.

Proof: ① exact $\Rightarrow M_y(x, y) = N_x(x, y)$
or $\exists \psi$ s.t.
 $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = M, \psi_y = N$

Integrate $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$ w.r.t to x , holding y const.

$$\psi(x, y) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + h(y) = \int_{x_0}^x M(s, y) ds + h(y)$$

$\alpha < x_0 < \beta$ is a constant. h is an arbitrary diff'ble func of y , playing the role of arbitrary const.

Now since $\psi_y = N$, we have ② satisfies

$$N = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial M(s, y)}{\partial y} ds + h'(y)$$

$\Rightarrow h'(y) = N(x, y) - \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial M(s, y)}{\partial y} ds$ is only a function of y

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~~This is if we differentiate it wrt x , it's 0.~~

\Rightarrow HS der. wrt x is 0.

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (h(y)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial M(s, y)}{\partial y} ds \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow N_x(x, y) = M_y(x, y)$$

" \Leftarrow ". know $M_y(x, y) = N_x(x, y)$

WTS $\exists \psi(x, y)$ s.t. $\psi_x(x, y) = M(x, y)$

$\psi_y(x, y) = N(x, y)$ ✓

Consider $\psi(x, y) = \int_{y_0}^y N(x, s) ds + \int_{x_0}^x M(s, y_0) ds$

$$\psi_y(x, y) = N(x, y) \quad \square$$

$$\psi_x(x, y) = \int_{y_0}^y N_x(x, s) ds + M(x, y_0)$$

Use $N_x = M_y$

$$= \int_{y_0}^y M_y(x, s) ds + M(x, y_0)$$

$$= M(x, y) - M(x, y_0) + M(x, y_0)$$

$$= M(x, y)$$

□

Example 1. Solve diff. eqn.

$$(y \sin x + 2xe^y) + (\sin x + x^2e^y - 1)y' = 0$$

step 1 Show it's an exact eqn.

Soln: First check exact eqn: $M_y = N_x$ ✓

$$M_y(x,y) = \cancel{\sin x + 2e^y} \rightsquigarrow x + 2xe^y$$

$$N_x(x,y) = \rightsquigarrow x + 2xe^y$$

step 2 Solve the eqn. By thm 1, there exists a $\psi(x,y)$.

$$\psi_x(x,y) = y \sin x + 2xe^y \quad (3)$$

$$\psi_y(x,y) = \sin x + x^2e^y - 1 \quad (4)$$

Integrate (3) w.r.t x. $\psi(x,y) = y \sin x + x^2e^y + h(y)$ (5)

find $h(y)$, diff. w.r.t y $\psi_y(x,y) = \sin x + x^2e^y + h'(y)$ (6)

compare (4) with (6). $h'(y) = -1 \Rightarrow h(y) = -y + c'$

c' can be omitted.

$$\psi(x,y) = y \sin x + x^2e^y - y + c$$

$\Rightarrow \psi(x,y) = c$ is the soln.

$$y \sin x + x^2e^y - y = c \text{ is the soln}$$

Example 2. Check exact and solve diff. eqn

$$(3xy + y^2) + (x^2 + xy)y' = 0$$

Soln: Step 1 check $M_y = 3x + 2y$, $N_x = 2x + y$
 $M_y \neq N_x$

Not an exact. eqn.

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Step 2: Seek for a ψ s.t.

$$\psi_x(x,y) = 3xy + y^2, \quad \psi_y(x,y) = x^2 + xy$$

$\Rightarrow \psi(x,y) = \frac{3}{2}x^2y + xy^2 + h(y)$

$$\psi_y = \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 + xy + h'(y) \right) = x^2 + xy$$

$$\Rightarrow h'(y) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - xy \quad \text{not possible!}$$

Integrating Factors

non-exact eqn \Rightarrow exact eqn.

* Same trick as solving linear diff. eqn.

Given $M(x,y) + N(x,y) y' = 0$ ⑧

Multiply both sides by $\mu(x,y)$. it becomes

$$\mu(x,y)M(x,y) + N(x,y) \mu'(x,y) y' = 0$$

Want to find $\mu(x,y)$ s.t. the above eqn is exact!

If only if $(\mu M)_y = (\mu N)_x$

This gives $\mu_y M + \mu M_y = \mu_x N + \mu N_x$

$$\Rightarrow \mu M_y - \mu N_x + (\mu_y M - \mu_x N) = 0 \quad \text{⑨}$$

- * This is a partial-diff. eqn, may have more than 1 soln.
- * It is not easier to be solved than the original ODE. ⑩
- * Integrating factor is powerful in principle, but in practice can only be found in special cases.

Special case is when μ is a function of x only (or y only) (5)

Assume μ is only a function of x . then $\mu_y = 0$. $\mu_x = \frac{d\mu(x)}{dx}$

⑦ becomes
$$\nu \frac{d\mu}{dx} = (M_y - N_x) \mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\mu}{\mu} = \frac{M_y - N_x}{\nu} dx$$
 is only a func. of x .

then $\mu(x)$ can be found by integrating $\frac{d\mu}{\mu}$.

Example 3. Find integrating factor for

$$(3xy + y^2) + (x^2 + xy)y' = 0$$

Soln: $M_y = 3x + 2y$ $M_y \neq N_x$. non-exact.
 $N_x = 2x + y$

Step 1: Find $\mu(x, y)$.

$$\mu(x, y) (3xy + y^2) + \mu(x^2 + xy) y' = 0$$

$$\left(\mu(3xy + y^2) \right)_y = \left(\mu(x^2 + xy) \right)_x$$

$$\mu_y (3xy + y^2) + \mu(3x + 2y) = \mu_x (x^2 + xy) + \mu(2x + y)$$

$$\mu_x (x + y) = \mu_x (x^2 + xy) - \mu_y (3xy + y^2)$$

~~if~~ if $\mu_x = 0$, then $\mu(x + y) = -\mu_y (3xy + y^2)$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dy} = - \frac{\mu(x, y) (x + y)}{3xy + y^2}$$

not easy to solve

If $\mu_y = 0$ then
$$\frac{\mu(x, y) (x + y)}{x^2 + xy} = \mu_x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\mu}{dx} = \frac{\mu}{x} \Rightarrow d(\ln|\mu|) = d(\ln|x|) \Rightarrow \mu(x) = \pm|x| \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) = x.$$

Step 2. solve eqn. multiply μ to both sides of original eqn.

$$(3x^2y + y^2x) + (x^3 + x^2y)y' = 0$$

it's exact.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2y + y^2x) = 3x^2 + 2yx$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3 + x^2y) = 3x^2 + 2xy$$

Then there exists a ψ s.t.

$$\psi_x(x, y) = 3x^2y + xy^2$$

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

Integrate w.r.t. x $\psi(x, y) = x^3y + \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + h(y)$. plug into

$$\psi_y = x^3 + x^2y + h'(y) = x^3 + x^2y$$

$$\Rightarrow h'(y) = 0. \quad h(y) = C.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Solution is } \psi(x, y) = x^3y + \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + C = C'$$

$$x^3y + \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 = C.$$