

If  $F(x, y) = \text{constant} \Rightarrow dF = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{dF}{dy} = 0 \Rightarrow dF = 0$$

The converse is also true (if  $F$ ,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$  are continuous)  $dF = 0 \Leftrightarrow F(x, y) = \text{constant}$

Definition A First order ODE :

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

is called exact if there exists a Func.

$F(x, y)$  such that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M(x, y)$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N(x, y)$

if the ODE is exact, then we can write it under the form :

$$\frac{dF}{dx} dx + \frac{dF}{dy} dy = 0 \Rightarrow dF = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{F(x, y) = C}$$

implicit solution to the ODE.

Given an exact ODE :

$$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0 \quad \text{Suppos it is exact}$$

then  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$  for some

Func.  $F(x, y)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{So } \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial x} \\ \text{and } \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Same second derivative.}$$

But  $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y}$  provided  $F$  and its partial derivatives are continuous.

So if the ODE  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is

exact then  $\boxed{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}$ . The converse is also true.

Theorem : If  $M(x, y)$  and  $N(x, y)$  are contin. Func.'s and their First order partial derivatives are also continuous on a open rectangle  $R$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then the ODE  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$  is exact if and only if  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

are also continuous on a open rectangle  $K$  or  $D$ , then the ODE  $M(x,y) dx + N(x,y) dy = 0$  is exact if and only if

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

### Steps to solve exact ODEs:

- ① Verify the ODE is exact:  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$
- ② Find a function  $F(x,y)$  such that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$ .
- ③ The general soln. to the ODE is  $F(x,y) = C$
- ④ If initial condition is given we use it to find  $C$ .

Ex

Solve the IVP

$$\underbrace{(4xy+1)}_M dx + \underbrace{(2x^2 + \cos y)}_N dy = 0 \quad y(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Sol

check exactness:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= 4x \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= 4x \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \text{ Exact ODE}$$

Look for a function  $F(x,y)$  such that

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

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 4xy + 1 \Rightarrow F(x,y) = \int (4xy + 1) dx$$

$$= 4y \int x dx + \int 1 dx$$

$$= 2x^2y + x + h(y)$$

constant with respect to  $x$ . i.e. does not contain a  $x$  in it

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 2x^2 + h'(y) \quad \text{But } \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N = 2x^2 + \cos y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 2x^2 + h'(y) &= 2x^2 + \cos y \\ \Rightarrow h'(y) &= \cos y \\ \Rightarrow h(y) &= \int \cos y \, dy = \sin y + K \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } F(x, y) = 2x^2y + x + \sin y + K$$

so the general sol. to the ODE is

$$F(x, y) = \text{constant}$$

$$2x^2y + x + \sin y + K = A$$

$$\boxed{2x^2y + x + \sin y = C} \quad \text{implicit.}$$

$$\text{But } y(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$0 + 0 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = C$$

$$C = 1$$

The unique sol. is

$$\boxed{2x^2y + x + \sin y = 1}$$

**Ex 2** /  $(2xy^3 - 2y^2) \, dx + (3x^2y^2 - 4xy) \, dy = 0 \quad y(1) = 1$

Sol Check Exactness:  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 6xy^2 - 4y$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 6xy^2 - 4y$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \quad \text{Exact ODE}$$

Look for  $F(x, y)$  such that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M$  and

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$$

Pushed out of integral

$$N = \frac{dF}{dy} = 3x^2y^2 - 4xy \Rightarrow F(x,y) = \int (3x^2y^2 - 4xy) dy$$

$$= 3x^2 \frac{1}{3} y^3 - 4x \frac{1}{2} y^2 + h(x) = x^2y^3 - 2xy^2 + h(x)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dF}{dx} = 2xy^3 - 2y^2 + h'(x)$$

$$\text{But } \frac{dF}{dx} = M \text{ So}$$

$$\cancel{2xy^3} - \cancel{2y^2} + h'(x) = \cancel{2xy^3} - \cancel{2y^2} \Rightarrow h'(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) = K$$

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

General sol. is  $F(x,y) = \text{constant}$

$$x^2y^3 - 2xy^2 = C$$

$$\text{But } y(1) = 1$$

$$\therefore 1 - 2 = C \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$\text{Unique sol. is: } \boxed{x^2y^3 - 2xy^2 = -1}$$

#### ④ First Order ODE's with Integrating Factors

In many cases, our ODE is not exact but can be made Exact by multiplying it with a certain function

Definition: A function  $\mu(x,y)$  is called an integrating factor of the first-order ODE:

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

$\mu(x,y) M(x,y) dx + \mu(x,y) N(x,y) dy = 0$  is Exact.

Finding an integrating factor is a very hard task in general. However, we have some particular cases where an integrating factor exists:

Case 1: IF  $\frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{N} = g(y)$  (a func. of  $y$  only)

Then an integrating factor is given by

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

Case 2: IF  $\frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{M} = f(x)$  (Func. of  $x$  only)

then an integrating factor is given by  $\mu(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx}$

ex

Solve the ODE:

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

Sol Check exactness:

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

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

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2x$$

Not exact!

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

$$= 3x^2 + 3y^2$$

$$\frac{\frac{dM}{dy} - \frac{dN}{dx}}{N} = \frac{3(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} = 3$$

An integrating factor  
exists by

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx} = e^{\int 3 dx} = e^{3x}$$

$$\underbrace{(3x^2 y e^{3x} + 2xy e^{3x} + y^3 e^{3x})}_{M^*} dx + \underbrace{(x^2 e^{3x} + y^2 e^{3x})}_{N^*} dy$$

$$\frac{dM^*}{dy} = 3x^2 e^{3x} + 2x e^{3x} + 3y^2 e^{3x}$$

$$\frac{dM^*}{dy} = \frac{dN^*}{dx} \quad \text{Exact}$$

$$\frac{dN^*}{dx} = 2x e^{3x} + 3x^2 e^{3x} + 3y^2 e^{3x}$$

and we can solve