

§ 2.4 # 11

$$\underbrace{(\cos x \cos y + 2x)}_M dx - \underbrace{(\sin x \sin y + 2y)}_N dy = 0, \quad \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

thus it's exact.

We wish to find  $F(x,y)$  with  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$ .

Note  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \cos(x)\cos(y) + 2x \Rightarrow F = \sin(x)\cos(y) + x^2 + C_1(y)$ ,

and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = -\sin(x)\sin(y) - 2y \Rightarrow F = \sin(x)\cos(y) - y^2 + C_2(x)$ .

Comparing we conclude  $F(x,y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + x^2 - y^2 = k$  is the sol<sup>n</sup>. See Remark on PH-8 for more on why.

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$$\underbrace{(t/y)}_M dy + \underbrace{(1 + \ln(y))}_N dt = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial y} \therefore \text{this DEq}^n \text{ is exact.}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{t}{y} \Rightarrow F = t \ln(y) + C_1(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = 1 + \ln(y) \Rightarrow \ln(y) + \frac{\partial C_1}{\partial t} = 1 + \ln(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial C_1}{\partial t} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = t + \text{constant.}$$

Thus the given DEq<sup>n</sup> can be restated as  $dF = 0$  for  $F(y,t) = t \ln(y) + t$ . Moreover,  $F(y,t) = k$  solves  $dF = 0$  thus our sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$t \ln(y) + t = k$$

Remark: exact eq<sup>n</sup>s are solved by level curves.

Remark: If  $F: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $\mathbb{R}^2$

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has  $x, y$  coordinates then the total differential

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

is used as a shorthand for expressing certain identities. For example, divide by  $dt$  to get

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

This is the chain-rule applied to  $F(x(t), y(t))$ .

When I say  $F(x, y) = k$  solves  $dF = 0$  this

should be understood parametrically. Take any parametrization of the level- $k$  curve

$F(x(t), y(t)) = k$  and differentiate w.r.t

the parameter;  $\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d(k)}{dt} = 0$

Multiply by  $dt$  to reveal  $dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy = 0$ .

We usually begin with  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  then find  $F(x, y)$  such that  $M = F_x$  and  $N = F_y$ .

I hope you can see why  $F(x, y) = k$  is a sol<sup>n</sup> to  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  in view

of the comments above. Notice that it is often the case  $dx, dy$  alone are simply shorthand for a more precise mathematically honest parametrically stated eq<sup>n</sup>.

Remember,

$$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_a^b \vec{F}(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt$$

(same sort of idea)

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$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) dx}_M - \underbrace{\left(3y - \frac{x}{y^2}\right) dy}_N = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{-1}{y^2} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{y^2} \quad \therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

this is not an exact eq<sup>n</sup>.

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Consider the eq<sup>n</sup>  $(y^2 + 2xy) dx - x^2 dy = 0$  (\*)

(a.) Show it is inexact (b.) multiply by  $1/y^2$  and show resulting DEq<sup>n</sup> is exact. (c.) solve original DEq<sup>n</sup> via sol<sup>n</sup> to DEq<sup>n</sup> from part (b). Finally (d.) were any sol<sup>n</sup>'s lost?

(a.)  $M = y^2 + 2xy$  and  $N = -x^2$  clearly  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2y + 2x \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$  thus the (\*) DEq<sup>n</sup> is not exact.

$$(b.) \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{y^2}(y^2 + 2xy)\right) dx}_P - \underbrace{\frac{x^2}{y^2} dy}_Q = \frac{1}{y^2}(0) = 0. \quad (**)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ 1 + \frac{2x}{y} \right] = \frac{-2x}{y^2} \neq \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{-2x}{y^2} \quad \therefore (**) \text{ is exact.}$$

Observe  $F(x, y) = x + x^2/y$  has  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 1 + \frac{2x}{y} \neq \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{-x^2}{y^2}$

hence (\*\*) has sol<sup>n</sup>'s  $\underline{F(x, y) = x + x^2/y = k}$ .

(c.)  $\frac{M}{y^2} dx + \frac{N}{y^2} dy = 0 \iff M dx + N dy = 0, y \neq 0$

thus  $\underline{x + x^2/y = k}$  are sol<sup>n</sup>'s to (\*) for  $y \neq 0$

(d.)  $y = 0$  solves (\*) but is lost in (\*\*)’s sol<sup>n</sup> set.

Remark: I have used three methods to find  $F$  in these sol<sup>n</sup>'s =

- integrate twice & compare (§2.4#11 on PH-7)
- integrate once & substitute (§2.4#13 on PH-7)
- guess. (part (b.) in §2.4#29 on this page)