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§ 2.6 Exact differential equations

Idea: separable equations are a very particular case, but the idea of implicit solutions carries over...

For a function $F(x, y)$ one forms a differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} F(x, y(x)) = 0 \rightarrow F(x, y) = C$$

↳ Couple of notions from Calc III to get there...

* Partial derivatives: take a simple function

$$F(x, y) = 2x^2y^3$$

Around a point (a, b) we can change either x or y .
First we may hold y fixed and allow x to vary.

$$y = b$$

$$g(x) := F(x, b) = 2x^2b^3$$

This is now a function of a single variable!
Rate of change \rightarrow derivative

$$g'(a) = 4ab^3$$

Call g' the partial derivative of F w.r.t. x .

This gives us $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(a, b) = F_x(a, b) = 4ab^3$

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Similarly, we can hold $x=a$ fixed and change y :
set $h(y) = 2a^2y^3$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(a,b) = F_y(a,b) = h'(y) = 6a^2b^2$$

* Chain rule: we have the situation here where we want to compute $\frac{d}{dt} F(x, y(x))$
More generally, extend chain rule from Calc I:

If $z(t) = F(x(t), y(t))$ then:

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt}(t) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dy}{dt}(t)$$

Apply here to our example, where $x(t) = t$

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

Any D.E. of the form $M(x,y) + N(x,y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
where there exists a function $F(x,y)$ such that

$$M = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \quad N = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \quad \text{is called exact.}$$

Implicit solutions of such an equation are given as

$$F(x,y) = C, \quad C \text{ arbitrary.}$$

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QUESTIONS

- When does such an F exist?
- How to find it based on M and N ?

ANSWERS.

- ① Assume that in some rectangle of (x, y) plane, M, N, M_y, N_x exist and are continuous.

Then the two statements are equivalent:

- (1) there exist F such that in this rectangle,
 $M = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \quad N = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$

- (2) $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ in the rectangle.



This is a test for whether an equation is exact.

- ② Idea: integrate one variable after the other.

Example :

$$\begin{cases} y^2/x + (2y \ln(x) + \cos(y)) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ y(1) = 1 \end{cases}$$

- ① Test for exact D.E.

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{2y}{x} \quad \checkmark$$

② Compute the "generating function" F

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* First, write $F(x,y) = Q(x,y) + h(y)$

where Q is any function such that

here, we start with $x \rightarrow \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M(x,y) = \frac{y^2}{x}$.

\hookrightarrow choose

$$Q(x,y) = y^2 \ln x$$

* Next, use 2nd piece of information:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + h'(y) = N(x,y)$$

$$\hookrightarrow h'(y) = [2y \ln(x) + \cos(y)] - 2y \ln(x)$$

so we can take

$$h(y) = \sin(y)$$

* Combine Q and h :

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

* Now we can rewrite the exact D.E. in the form

$$\frac{d}{dx} F(x, y(x)) = 0$$

and the implicit solutions:

$$y^2 \ln(x) + \sin(y) = C$$

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⑥ Find constants, domain of reality

$$y = 1 \text{ for } x = 1:$$

$$C = \sin(1) \approx 0.84$$

⇒ General recipe for finding $F(x,y)$

(Textbook, p 72).

* Choose to integrate first in x or y

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M(x,y) \Rightarrow F(x,y) = \underbrace{\int M dx}_{Q(x,y)} + h(y)$$

↑
unknown!

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N(x,y) \Rightarrow F(x,y) = \underbrace{\int N dy}_{P(x,y)} + g(x)$$

↳ Compute $Q = \int M dx$ OR $P = \int N dy$

* Next, do the other one

$$h'(y) = \underbrace{N(x,y) - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}(x,y)}$$

OR

IF EXACT EQN, THIS EXPRESSION
WILL NOT DEPEND ON x/y .

$$g'(x) = \underbrace{M(x,y) - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(x,y)}$$

* Finally, combine:

$$F(x,y) = Q(x,y) + h(y) \\ = P(x,y) + g(x)$$

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Summary: 1st order ODEs

(1) Linear equations: $y' + p(t)y = g(t)$
SOLUTION METHOD: INTEGRATING FACTORS.

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{m(t)} \left(\int m(t)g(t) dt + C \right)$$
$$m(t) = \exp\left(\int p(t) dt \right)$$

(2) Separable equations: $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)f(y)$
SOLUTION: SEPARATE VARIABLES, INTEGRATE

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

(3) Exact equations: $M(x,y) + N(x,y)y' = 0$

SOLUTION: compute \rightarrow Check: $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ ✓

$g(x,y) = \int M(x,y) dx$ and $h(y)$ such that

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

↳ Solutions have the form

$$F(x,y) = g(x,y) + h(y) = C \quad (\text{constant})$$

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Models of interest:

(1) Mixing problems:

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \underbrace{r_{in} \cdot c_{in}}_{\text{rate IN}} - \underbrace{r_{out} \cdot \frac{Q(t)}{V(t)}}_{\text{rate OUT}}$$

↳ linear: integrating factors.

(2) Population models, autonomous equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y) \quad \left(= r \left(1 - y/K \right) y \right)$$

Phase line analysis; equilibria, stability.
Separation of variables.

(3) Heating / Cooling problems.

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k \left(\underbrace{T_{ext}(t)}_{\text{external temp.}} - \underbrace{T(t)}_{\text{object temp.}} \right)$$

§3.1 Homogeneous Differential Equations Constant coefficients

In general, a 2nd order D.E. has the form

$$y'' = f(t, y, y') \quad (1)$$

where f is a given function. We will focus on cases where f takes the specific shape:

$$f(t, y, y') = g(t) - p(t)y' - q(t)y$$

i.e. f is a linear function of y and y' .

Then we can rewrite the linear 2nd order ODE:

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t). \quad (2)$$

linear combination of y, y', y'' .

or equivalently,

$$P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = G(t) \quad \text{for } P(t) \neq 0.$$

Any eqn (1) which cannot be transformed as (2) is called non-linear. Not much to say as they are hard to solve analytically.

A first example

$$\begin{cases} y'' - y = 0 \\ y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -1 \end{cases}$$

"Intuition" of solutions: e^{+t}, e^{-t} and multiples

Observation: sums of solutions are solutions!

Form linear combination of these elementary solutions:

$$y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t}$$

Two arbitrary constants!

Initial conditions:

$$y(0) = C_1 e^0 + C_2 e^{-0} = C_1 + C_2 = 2$$

$$y'(0) = C_1 e^0 - C_2 e^{-0} = C_1 - C_2 = -1$$

Solve system of 2 equations for C_1, C_2 :

$$C_1 = 1/2, \quad C_2 = 3/2 \rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^t + \frac{3}{2} e^{-t}$$

General technique

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

- Find two solutions $y_1(t), y_2(t)$ which are different (not multiple of each other)
- Write general solution as a linear combination:

$$y(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$$
- Use the 2 constants to fit the 2 initial conditions.

Check: if y_1, y_2 are two solutions then

$$\begin{aligned}
& a(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)'' + b(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)' + c(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2) \\
&= C_1 (a y_1'' + b y_1' + c y_1) + C_2 (a y_2'' + b y_2' + c y_2) \\
&= 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad = 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad = 0
\end{aligned}$$

How do we find the base solutions?

Idea: seek exponential solutions of the form:

$$y(t) = e^{rt} \quad r \text{ unknown yet.}$$

Since $y'(t) = r e^{rt}$, $y''(t) = r^2 e^{rt}$,

$$a y'' + b y' + c y = 0 \iff (a r^2 + b r + c) e^{rt} = 0$$

Now the $e^{rt} \neq 0$: satisfied if r solution of **CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION**

$$\underline{a r^2 + b r + c = 0}$$

Characteristic polynomial (order 2)

Possible cases: Discriminant, $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$

- $\Delta > 0$: Two real roots
- $\Delta = 0$: One real, repeated root
- $\Delta < 0$: Two complex conjugate roots.

First, consider the case where $\Delta > 0$.
Other cases: § 3.4 and § 3.3.

Then we have two roots of the characteristic polynomial:

$$r_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} \quad r_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

Then, $y_1(t) = e^{r_1 t}$ and $y_2(t) = e^{r_2 t}$ are two different solutions of the equation and

The general solution has the form

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

with C_1, C_2 arbitrary constants.

Next, fit the initial conditions:

$$\begin{cases} y(t_0) = y_0 \\ y'(t_0) = y'_0 \end{cases}$$

This leads to two equations:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 e^{r_1 t_0} + c_2 e^{r_2 t_0} = y_0 \\ c_1 r_1 e^{r_1 t_0} + c_2 r_2 e^{r_2 t_0} = y'_0 \end{cases}$$

↳ system of linear equations: 2 unknowns, 2 equations.

Example 1

$$\begin{cases} y'' + y' - 2y = 0 \\ y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 1

Solve the characteristic equation
 \rightarrow solutions under the form $y(t) = e^{rt}$

$$r^2 + r - 2 = 0$$

Discriminant: $\Delta = 1^2 - 4 \cdot (-2) = 9$

The roots of the characteristic equation are
 $r_1 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{9}}{2} = -2$ and $r_2 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{9}}{2} = +1$

Step 2

General solution:

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{-2t} + C_2 e^t, \quad C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ arbitrary}$$

Step 3

Initial conditions, particular solution:

$$\begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = 1 \\ -2C_1 + C_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{cases} C_1 + 2C_1 = 1 \\ C_2 = 2C_1 \end{cases}$$

and $C_1 = 1/3$ $C_2 = 2/3$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{3} e^t$$

Example 2

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$$\begin{cases} y'' + 12y' + 35y = 0 \\ y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -17 \end{cases}$$

Step 1 $r^2 + 12r + 35 = 0$

Discriminant: $\Delta = 12^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 35 = 4$

The roots of the characteristic polynomial are

$$r_1 = \frac{-12 - \sqrt{4}}{2} = -7 \quad r_2 = \frac{-12 + \sqrt{4}}{2} = 5$$

Step 2 The general solution of the D.E. is

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{-7t} + C_2 e^{-5t}$$

Step 3 Particular solution:

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 3 \\ y'(0) = -7C_1 - 5C_2 = -17 \end{cases} \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{cases} C_2 = 3 - C_1 \\ -7C_1 - 5(3 - C_1) = -17 \end{cases}$$

Then, $-2C_1 = -17 + 15 = -2$ so $C_1 = 1$
and $C_2 = 2$

The solution to this IVP is

$$y(t) = e^{-7t} + 2e^{-5t}$$

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General behavior at infinity: depends on sign of r_1 and r_2

$y(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$ $r_1 < r_2$

As $t \rightarrow \infty \dots$

$r_2 \backslash r_1$	$r_1 < 0$	$r_1 = 0$	$r_1 > 0$
$r_2 < 0$	$y \rightarrow 0$	/	/
$r_2 = 0$	$y \rightarrow C_2$	/	/
$r_2 > 0$	$y \rightarrow \pm \infty$ depends on sign of C_1 ; if $C_2 = 0$, $y \rightarrow 0$	$y \rightarrow \pm \infty$ depends on sign of C_1 ; if $C_2 = 0$, $y \rightarrow C_1$	$y \rightarrow \pm \infty$ depends on sign of C_2 ; if $C_2 = 0$, on sign of C_1 ; if $C_1 = 0$, $y = 0$!

Note: as long as $r_1 \neq r_2$, system for $C_{1,2}$ can always be solved!

$$\begin{cases} C_1 e^{r_1 t_0} + C_2 e^{r_2 t_0} = y_0 \\ C_1 r_1 e^{r_1 t_0} + C_2 r_2 e^{r_2 t_0} = y_0' \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} C_1 = \frac{y_0 - y_0' r_2}{r_1 - r_2} e^{-r_1 t_0} \\ C_2 = \frac{y_0' r_1 - y_0}{r_1 - r_2} e^{-r_2 t_0} \end{cases}$$

by substitution!

There is always a solution in this form! But, is it the only possibility? Answer in the next section!