

# Exact Equations (3A)

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## *Exact First Order ODEs*

# Differential Form & Equation

A differential form

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$$

A first order differential equation

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy = 0$$

this differential form is **exact**  
in a region **R** if there is a function  
 $f(x, y)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy \\ = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = df \end{aligned}$$

**exact equation**  
in a region **R** if there is a function  
 $f(x, y)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy \\ = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = df = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$$

is an **exact differential** in a region **R**  
if it corresponds to  
the **total differential** of  
some function  $f(x, y)$

$$df(x, y) = 0$$

$$f(x, y) = c$$

# To be exact

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$$

to be exact  $\longleftrightarrow$

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy = df$$

the given equation should be the total differential of a certain function  $f$

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}dy$$

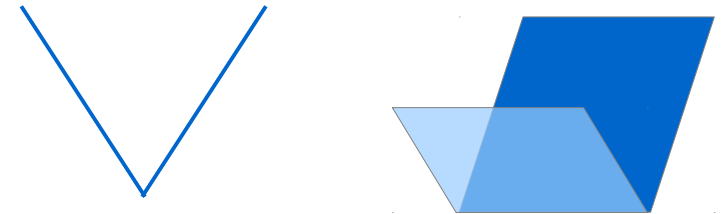
such a function  $f$  exists

exists all the defined and continuous partial derivatives of

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$\longleftrightarrow$

a smooth surface  $f(x, y)$



continuous but derivatives are undefined

# Schwarz' Theorem

In mathematical analysis, Schwarz' theorem (or Clairaut's theorem<sup>[2]</sup>) named after Alexis Clairaut and Hermann Schwarz, states that if

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

has continuous second partial derivatives at any given point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , say,  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , then  $\forall i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

The partial derivations of this function are commutative at that point. One easy way to establish this theorem (in the case where  $n = 2$ ,  $i = 1$ , and  $j = 2$ , which readily entails the result in general) is by applying Green's theorem to the gradient of  $f$ .

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symmetry\\_of\\_second\\_derivatives#Schwarz.27\\_theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symmetry_of_second_derivatives#Schwarz.27_theorem)

# To be exact

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{to be exact} \\ \longleftrightarrow \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \text{ all defined and continuous} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$$P(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

$$Q(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$$

is an exact (total) differential

$$\iff \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

# Path Independence

A differential  $df$  of the following form is **exact**,

$$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy = df$$

if  $\int df$  is **path independent**

the vector field  $(P, Q)$  is  
a conservative vector field,  
with corresponding potential  $f$

path independent  $\int df$



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

$P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$   
is an **exact (total) differential**



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$



# Exact and Inexact Differential Examples

$$df = 2xy^3 dx + 3x^2y^2 dy$$

Is there a function  $f=f(x,y)$  such that

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 2xy^3 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 3x^2y^2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} &= 6xy^2 & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= 6xy^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x,y) = x^2y^3 \quad \text{exact}$$

$$\int_{(x_1, y_1)}^{(x_2, y_2)} df = f(x_2, y_2) - f(x_1, y_1)$$

Only initial & final points  
Path independent

$$df = 2x^2y^3 dx + 3x^3y^2 dy$$

Is there a function  $f=f(x,y)$  such that

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 2x^2y^3 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 3x^3y^2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} &= 6x^2y^2 & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= 9x^2y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{no } f(x,y) \quad \text{inexact}$$

Integration result depends  
on the path also,  
in addition to initial & final points

# Exact Equations (1)

## Exact Equations

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

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

$$z = f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y)$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = M(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = \int M(x)dx + c$$

$$\int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx = \int M(x, y)dx + c$$

$$\int \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = \int N(x, y)dy + c$$

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y)dx + g(y)$$

$$f(x, y) = \int N(x, y)dy + h(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M(x, y)dx + g'(y)$$

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

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

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

# Exact Equations (2)

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + g(y)$$

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

$$g(y) = \int g'(y) dy$$

$$= \int \left\{ N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M(x, y) dx \right\} dy$$

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + \int \left\{ N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M(x, y) dx \right\} dy$$

$$f(x, y) = \int N(x, y) dy + h(x)$$

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

$$h(x) = \int h'(x) dx$$

$$= \int \left\{ M(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int N(x, y) dy \right\} dx$$

$$f(x, y) = \int N(x, y) dy + \int \left\{ M(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int N(x, y) dy \right\} dx$$

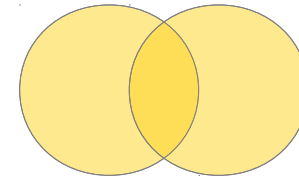
# Exact Equations (3)

## Exact Equations

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

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + \int \left\{ N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M(x, y) dx \right\} dy$$

$$f(x, y) = \int N(x, y) dy + \int \left\{ M(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int N(x, y) dy \right\} dx$$



$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + \int N(x, y) dy - \int \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M(x, y) dx dy \quad \int \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx dy$$

$$f(x, y) = \int N(x, y) dy + \int M(x, y) dx - \int \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int N(x, y) dy dx \quad \int \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy dx$$

# Exact Equations (4)

## Exact Equations

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

$$f(x, y) = \int M(x, y) dx + \int \left[ N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M(x, y) dx \right] dy \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int M(x, y) dx = \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M(x, y) + \int \left[ \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right] dy = M(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dx + N(x, y) - \int \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} dx = N(x, y)$$

$$f(x, y) = \int N(x, y) dy + \int \left[ M(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int N(x, y) dy \right] dx \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int N(x, y) dy = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \int \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} dy + M(x, y) - \int \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} dy = M(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = N(x, y) + \int \left[ \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right] dx = N(x, y)$$

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## *NonExact First Order ODEs*

# NonExact Equations

## Exact Equations

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

$$z = f(x, y)$$

## NonExact Equations

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

$$z = f(x, y)$$

## Exact Equations

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

If we can find  $\mu(x, y)$

## Exact Equations

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

If we can find  $\mu(x)$   
or  $\mu(y)$

$$\mu(y) \quad \mu(y)$$

# Multiplying NonExact Equations by $\mu(x, y)$

## NonExact Equations

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

$$z = f(x, y)$$

## Exact Equations

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

If we can find  $\mu(x, y)$

$$\frac{\partial(\mu M)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(\mu N)}{\partial x} \quad \leftarrow \mu(x, y) \quad \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

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

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

$$\mu M_y - \mu N_x = \mu_x N - \mu_y M \quad \text{Partial Differential Equation}$$

difficult to find  $\mu(x, y)$



# Multiplying NonExact Equations by $\mu(x)$

## NonExact Equations

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

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

$$z = f(x, y)$$

## Exact Equations

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

$$\frac{\partial(\mu M)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(\mu N)}{\partial x}$$

If we can find  $\mu(x)$

$$\frac{\partial(\mu M)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(\mu N)}{\partial x}$$

$\mu(x)$

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

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

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \left( \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \right) \mu$$

generally  $P(x, y)$   
sometimes  $P(x)$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} N = \mu \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \mu \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = P(x)\mu(x)$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} N = \mu M_y - \mu N_x$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} - P(x)\mu = 0$$

solve this to find  $\mu(x)$

# Multiplying NonExact Equations by $\mu(y)$

## NonExact Equations

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

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

$$z = f(x, y)$$

## Exact Equations

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

$$\frac{\partial(\mu M)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(\mu N)}{\partial x}$$

If we can find  $\mu(y)$

$$\frac{\partial(\mu M)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(\mu N)}{\partial x}$$

$\mu(y)$

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

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

$$\frac{d\mu}{dy} = \left( \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} \right) \mu$$

generally  $P(x, y)$   
sometimes  $P(y)$

$$M \frac{d\mu}{dy} = \mu \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \mu \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dy} = P(y)\mu(y)$$

$$M \frac{d\mu}{dy} = \mu N_x - \mu M_y$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dy} - P(y)\mu = 0$$

solve this to find  $\mu(y)$

# Solving NonExact Equations

Assumption for  $\mu(x)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\mu(x)M(x,y)] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\mu(x)N(x,y)]$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \left( \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \right) \mu = P(x)\mu$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} - P(x)\mu = 0$$

$$\mu(x) = ce^{\int P(x) dx}$$

$$\mu(x) = ce^{\int \left( \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \right) dx}$$

Solve this exact equation

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

Assumption for  $\mu(y)$

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$$\frac{d\mu}{dy} = \left( \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} \right) \mu = P(y)\mu$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dy} - P(y)\mu = 0$$

$$\mu(y) = ce^{\int P(y) dy}$$

$$\mu(y) = ce^{\int \left( \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} \right) dy}$$

Solve this exact equation

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

# Verifying Exact Equations

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

$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = \left( \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \right) \mu = P(x)\mu$$

$$\mu(x) = ce^{\int \left( \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \right) dx}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\mu(x)M(x, y)] = \mu_y M + \mu M_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\mu(x)N(x, y)] &= \mu_x N + \mu N_x \\ &= \left( \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \right) \mu N + \mu N_x \\ &= \mu M_y \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\mu(x)M(x, y)] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\mu(x)N(x, y)]$$

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

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\mu(y)N(x, y)] = \mu_x N + \mu N_x$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [\mu(y)M(x, y)] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\mu(y)N(x, y)]$$

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