

SPECIAL INTEGRATING FACTORS: § 2.5.

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In § 2.3 we saw multiplication by  $\mu = \exp(\int P dx)$  would cause the given ODE  $Eq^2$  to separate so we could integrate. We use a similar idea here; we multiply by some factor  $\mu$  which causes the given DE  $Eq^2$  to morph into an exact eq<sup>n</sup> (which we know how to solve). Unfortunately, we may lose some sol<sup>n</sup>'s since there is no guarantee  $\mu \neq 0$  (in contrast to  $\mu$  from § 2.3). (The method was already illustrated in § 2.4 # 29)

§ 2.5 # 7 | (hopefully we can use the method boxed in § 2.5)

$$\underbrace{(3x^2 + y)}_M dx + \underbrace{(x^2 y - x)}_N dy = 0 \quad \leftarrow (*)$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2xy - 1$$

Notice,  $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2xy - 2$  thus  $\frac{N_x - M_y}{M} = \frac{2xy - 2}{3x^2 + y}$

Also  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2 - 2xy$  thus  $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = \frac{2 - 2xy}{x^2 y - x} = \frac{2(1 - xy)}{x(xy - 1)}$

thus  $\frac{\partial M/\partial y - \partial N/\partial x}{N} = \frac{-2}{x}$  which depends only on  $x$ , use Th<sup>m</sup> 3.

$$\mu = \exp\left[\int \frac{-2 dx}{x}\right] = \exp[-2 \ln|x|] = \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{|x|^2}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{|x|^2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Multiply (\*) by  $\mu = 1/x^2$  to obtain,

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

You can easily verify the eq<sup>n</sup> above is  $dF = 0$  for the function  $F(x, y) = 3x - y/x + \frac{1}{2}y^2$ . Hence we find sol<sup>n</sup>'s

$$\boxed{3x - y/x + y^2/2 = k}$$

and the sol<sup>n</sup>  $\boxed{x=0}$  also solves (\*) but was lost when we multiplied by  $\mu = 1/x^2$ .

§ 2.5#9

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

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4y + 2$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2y + 1$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4y + 2 - 2y - 1 = 2y + 1$$

Notice  $N = x(2y + 1)$  thus  $\frac{\partial M/\partial y - \partial N/\partial x}{N} = \frac{2y+1}{x(2y+1)} = \frac{1}{x}$ .

With the insight of Th<sup>m</sup> (3) we calculate  $\mu = \exp\left(\int \frac{dx}{x}\right) = |x|$ .  
Multiply by  $\mu$ , notice  $|x| = \pm x$  so assume  $x > 0$  or  $x < 0$   
in sol<sup>n</sup> and we can drop  $| \cdot |$ ,

$$\underbrace{(2xy^2 + 2xy + 4x^3)}_{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}} dx + \underbrace{(2x^2y + x^2)}_{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} dy = \pm \mu \cdot 0 = 0.$$

Think.  $F(x,y) = x^2y^2 + x^2y + x^4$ . We find

$$\text{sol<sup>n</sup>s } \boxed{x^2y^2 + x^2y + x^4 = k \text{ and } x = 0}$$

substitute into  
given DE<sub>eq<sup>2</sup></sub> directly  
noting  $dx = 0$   
and  $N|_{x=0} = 0$ .

§ 2.5#11)  $(y^2 + 2xy)dx - x^2dy = 0$

Use Th<sup>m</sup> (3) to find  $\mu = 1/y^2$  hence

$$\left(1 + \frac{2x}{y}\right) dx - \frac{x^2}{y^2} dy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(x,y) = x + \frac{x^2}{y}$$

we find sol<sup>n</sup>s

$$\boxed{x + \frac{x^2}{y} = k \text{ and } y = 0}$$

↑  
this one missed because  
 $\mu$  undefined for  $y = 0$ .

§ 2.5 # 13 Find an integrating factor of the form  $x^n y^m$  and solve the eq<sup>n</sup>

$$(2y^2 - 6xy) dx + (3xy - 4x^2) dy = 0 \quad (*)$$

An integrating factor  $\mu = x^n y^m$  will force the given DEq<sup>n</sup> to become exact upon multiplication by  $\mu$ . This means we have

$$x^n y^m (2y^2 - 6xy) = M$$

$$x^n y^m (3xy - 4x^2) = N$$

such that  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [2y^{m+2} x^n - 6x^{n+1} y^{m+1}] \\ &= 2(m+2)y^{m+1} x^n - 6(m+1)x^{n+1} y^m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [3x^{n+1} y^{m+1} - 4x^{n+2} y^m] \\ &= 3(n+1)x^n y^{m+1} - 4(n+2)x^{n+1} y^m \end{aligned}$$

Equate  $\partial M / \partial y$  with  $\partial N / \partial x$  to insure  $\mu(*)$  is exact,

$$2(m+2)y^{m+1} x^n - 6(m+1)x^{n+1} y^m = 3(n+1)x^n y^{m+1} - 4(n+2)x^{n+1} y^m$$

Equate coefficients of matching powers,

$$\frac{x^{n+1} y^m}{y^{m+1} x^n} - 6(m+1) = -4(n+2)$$

$$\frac{y^{m+1} x^n}{y^{m+1} x^n} \quad 2(m+2) = 3(n+1)$$

Now solve these simultaneously. Note the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eq<sup>n</sup> implies  $6m + 12 = 9n + 9 \Rightarrow 6m = 9n - 3$  subst.

into first eq<sup>n</sup>  $\frac{-6m - 6}{6m = 4n + 2} = \frac{-4n - 8}{9n - 3} \Rightarrow 5n = 5$

We found  $5n = 5$  thus  $n = 1$  and

$$m = \frac{1}{6}(9n - 3) = \frac{1}{6}(9 - 3) = \frac{6}{6} = 1$$

Hence  $\mu = xy$  should work. Multiply (\*) by  $\mu = xy$  to obtain,

$$\underbrace{(2xy^3 - 6x^2y^2)}_{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}} dx + \underbrace{(3x^2y^2 - 4x^3y)}_{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} dy = 0$$

Think.  $F(x, y) = x^2y^3 - 2x^3y^2$ . Consequently

we find  $\text{sol}^n\text{'s } x^2y^3 - 2x^3y^2 = k \text{ for } (*)$

Also you can verify  $x = 0$  is a  $\text{sol}^n$  and  $y = 0$  is a  $\text{sol}^n$  for (\*).

Remark: the hard part of §2.5 is finding  $\mu$ . Clearly there are many possible patterns and choices depending on the structure of the given DEq<sup>n</sup>. You can look over the remaining problems in the text to see some of the other patterns we could look for. As I have mentioned previously, the methods and insights of §2.3 & §2.5 could be further elucidated by a careful discussion of symmetries and differential eq<sup>n</sup>'s.