

3.2 1st Order First Degree Equations

Here we will study some techniques using which we can obtain exact solution of the first-order equations.

► The equation is of the form: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ or, equivalently $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$.

► Total differential 'df' of the function $f(x, y)$ is $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}dy$.

► **Rule 1**: $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ is exact iff $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}, \forall (x, y) \in D$. Here M, N have continuous first partial derivatives at all points (x, y) in a rectangular domain D .

► **Solve Using Rule 1**: If exact then compute: $\int M \partial x = f(x, y) + g(x, y)$ and $\int N \partial y = f(x, y) + h(x, y)$. Then $f(x, y) + g(x, y) + h(x, y) = c$ is the solution.

[Do It Yourself] 3.16. If $f(x, y) = x^2y + 2xy^3, (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}$ then find 'df'.

[Do It Yourself] 3.17. Check whether the differential equations are exact or, not: i) $y^2dx + 2xydy = 0$, ii) $ydx + 2xdy = 0$, iii) $[2x \sin(y) + y^3e^x]dx + [x^2 \cos(y) + 3y^2e^x]dy = 0$, iv) $(2xy + 1)dx + (x^2 + 4y)dy = 0$, v) $(3x^2y + 2)dx - (x^3 + y)dy = 0$, vi) $(\theta^2 + 1) \cos(r)dr + 2\theta \sin(r)d\theta = 0$, vii) $[y \sec^2(x) + \sec(x) \tan(x)]dx + [\tan(x) + 2y]dy = 0$, viii) $(x/y^2 + x)dx + (x^2/y^3 + y)dy = 0$.

Example 3.3. Solve the equation $(3x^2 + 4xy)dx + (2x^2 + 2y)dy = 0$.

⇒ The given equation can be written as $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ where

$M(x, y) = 3x^2 + 4xy \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4x$ and $N(x, y) = 2x^2 + 2y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4x$.

Since $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$, so the given equation is exact.

Now $\int M \partial x = \int (3x^2 + 4xy) \partial x = x^3 + 2x^2y$ and $\int N \partial y = \int (2x^2 + 2y) \partial y = y^2 + 2x^2y$.
So the solution is $2x^2y + x^3 + y^2 = c$, where c is an arbitrary constant.

[Do It Yourself] 3.18. Solve $[2x \cos(y) + 3x^2y]dx + [x^3 - x^2 \sin(y) - y]dy = 0, y(0) = 2$.
[Ans : $x^2 \cos(y) + x^3y - y^2/2 + 2 = 0$.]

[Do It Yourself] 3.19. Solve the IVP's: i) $(3x^2y^2 - y^3 + 2x)dx + (2x^3y - 3xy^2 + 1)dy = 0, y(-2) = 1$, ii) $[2y \sin(x) \cos(x) + y^2 \sin(x)]dx + [\sin^2(x) - 2y \cos(x)]dy = 0, y(0) = 3$, iii) $(ye^x + 2e^x + y^2)dx + (e^x + 2xy)dy = 0, y(0) = 6$, iv) $(\frac{3-y}{x^2})dx + (\frac{y^2-2x}{xy^2})dy = 0, y(-1) = 2$.

3.2.1 Integrating Factor (I.F.)

An integrating factor is a function by which an ordinary differential equation can be multiplied in order to make it integrable. Suppose the equation $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ is not exact. Now $\alpha(x, y)$ is said to be an I.F. if $\alpha Mdx + \alpha Ndy = 0$ is exact.

► **Rule 2**: $f_1(x)g_1(y)dx + f_2(x)g_2(y)dy = 0$ is a separable equation and can be solved by $\frac{f_1}{f_2}dx + \frac{g_2}{g_1}dy = 0$.

► In the separation process we assumed that $f_2, g_1 \neq 0$. It implies we lost some solutions due to this process.

► Homogeneous Function: A function $f(x, y)$ is said to be a homogeneous function of degree n if $f(tx, ty) = t^n f(x, y)$. For ex. $f(x, y) = 3xy - y^2 \Rightarrow f(tx, ty) = t^2 f(x, y) \Rightarrow$ *Homogeneous of degree 2.*

► Homogeneous Function: A function $f(x, y, z)$ is said to be a homogeneous function of degree n if $f(tx, ty, tz) = t^n f(x, y, z)$.

► Homogeneous Function-II: A function $f(x, y)$ is said to be a homogeneous function of degree n if $f(x, y) = x^n \phi(\frac{y}{x})$. For ex. $f(x, y) = 3xy - y^2 = x^2(3\frac{y}{x} - \frac{y^2}{x^2}) = x^2 \phi(\frac{y}{x})$.

► Homogeneous Function-II: A function $f(x, y, z)$ is said to be a homogeneous function of degree n if $f(x, y, z) = x^n \phi(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x})$. If $f(x, y, z) = y^n \psi(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{z}{y})$ then also homogeneous.

► Homogeneous Equation: $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ is said to be homogeneous if M, N are homogeneous of same order. Equivalently $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ is homogeneous if $f(x, y)$ is homogeneous.

► **Rule 3**: $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ is a homogeneous equation then $I.F. = \frac{1}{Mx+Ny}$.

► **Rule 4**: $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ is of the form: $f_1(xy)y dx + f_2(xy)x dy = 0$ then $I.F. = \frac{1}{Mx-Ny}$, provided $Mx - Ny \neq 0$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.20. Solve i) $(x-4)y^4 dx - x^3(y^2-3) dy = 0$, ii) $x \sin(y) dx + (x^2 + 1) \cos(y) dy = 0$, $y(1) = \pi/2$.

[Hint : Separable, $(x^2 + 1) \sin^2(y) = 2$.]

Example 3.4. Solve the differential equation $(x^2 - 3y^2) dx + 2xy dy = 0$.

\Rightarrow Here $(x^2 - 3y^2) dx + 2xy dy = 0$ is a homogeneous equation.

Therefore, $I.F. = \frac{1}{(x^2-3y^2)x+(2xy)y} = \frac{1}{x^3-xy^2}$. It implies $\frac{x^2-3y^2}{x^3-xy^2} dx + \frac{2xy}{x^3-xy^2} dy = 0$ is exact.

Now $\int \frac{x^2-3y^2}{x^3-xy^2} \partial x = \int \frac{x}{x^2-y^2} \partial x - 3y^2 \int \frac{1}{x(x^2-y^2)} \partial x = \int \frac{x}{x^2-y^2} \partial x - 3 \int [\frac{x}{x^2-y^2} - \frac{1}{x}] \partial x = -2 \int \frac{x}{x^2-y^2} \partial x + 3 \int \frac{1}{x} \partial x = -\ln(x^2 - y^2) + 3 \ln(x)$.

Again $\int \frac{2xy}{x^3-xy^2} \partial y = - \int \frac{-2y}{x^2-y^2} \partial y = -\ln(x^2 - y^2)$.

So the solution is $-\ln(x^2 - y^2) + 3 \ln(x) = c_1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^3}{x^2-y^2} = e^{c_1} = c \Rightarrow x^3 = c(x^2 - y^2)$ where c is an arbitrary constant.

[Do It Yourself] 3.21. Solve the IVP: $(y + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})dx - xdy = 0$, $y(1) = 0$.

[Ans : $2y = x^2 - 1$.]

[Do It Yourself] 3.22. Solve the Ode's: i) $(e^v + 1) \cos(u) du + e^v (\sin(u) + 1) dv = 0$, ii) $(x+y) dx - x dy = 0$, iii) $(2xy+3y^2) dx - (2xy+x^2) dy = 0$, iv) $v^3 du + (u^3 - uv^2) dv = 0$, v) $(x \tan \frac{y}{x} + y) dx - x dy = 0$, vi) $(\sqrt{x+y} + \sqrt{x-y}) dx + (\sqrt{x-y} - \sqrt{x+y}) dy = 0$,

3.2.2 Special Integrating Factors (I.F.)

► Suppose $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ is not exact.

► **Rule 5**: If $\frac{1}{N}(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}) = f(x)$ is a function of x . Then $I.F. = e^{\int f(x) dx}$.

► **Rule 6**: If $\frac{1}{M}(\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}) = g(y)$ is a function of y . Then $I.F. = e^{-\int g(y) dy}$.

► **Rule 7**: Multiply $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ by $x^\alpha y^\beta$. The new Ode: $M_1(x, y)dx + N_1(x, y)dy = 0$ and find α, β using the exactness property i.e. $\frac{\partial M_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x}$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.23. Solve the Ode's: i) $(x + 2y + 3)dx + (2x + 4y - 1)dy = 0$,
 ii) $(x - 2y + 1)dx + (4x - 3y - 6)dy = 0$, iii) $(2x + 3y + 1)dx + (4x + 6y + 1)dy = 0$, $y(-2) = 2$,
 iv) $(3x - y - 6)dx + (x + y + 2)dy = 0$, $y(2) = -2$, v) $(x^2 + y^2 + 1)dx - 2xydy = 0$,
 vi) $2xydx + (y^2 - x^2)dy = 0$, vii) $(xy^2 - e^{1/x^3})dx - x^2ydy = 0$, viii) $x^3y^3(2ydx + xdy) - (5ydx + 7xdy) = 0$, ix) $(y^3 - 2yx^2)dx + (2xy^2 - x^3)dy = 0$, x) $(x^3 + xy^4)dx + 2y^3dy = 0$,
 xi) $(2xy^4e^y + 2xy^3 + y)dx + (x^2y^4e^y - x^2y^2 - 3x)dy = 0$.

[Hint : i) Easy substitution, ii) Transform to origin, ix) Rule 7, x) Rule 5, xi) Rule 6]

[Do It Yourself] 3.25. The solution of the differential equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 \cos x + \cos y}{x \sin y - 2y \sin x}$, $y(\pi/2) = 0$ is

(A) $y^2 \cos x + x \sin y = 0$. (B) $y^2 \sin x + x \cos y = \pi/2$.

(C) $y^2 \sin x + x \sin y = 0$. (D) $y^2 \cos x + x \cos y = \pi/2$.

3.2.3 First Order Linear ODE

► First Order Linear ODE on y is: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$.

► $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$ has $I.F. = e^{\int P dx}$. [Prove]

Example 3.5. Solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x+1}{x}y = e^{-2x}$.

⇒ The given equation is a first order linear ODE on y is of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$. Here $P(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x}$, $Q(x) = e^{-2x}$.

Therefore, $I.F. = e^{\int P dx} = \exp[\int (2 + \frac{1}{x}) dx] = \exp[2x + \ln(x)] = xe^{2x}$.

It implies $xe^{2x} \frac{dy}{dx} + xe^{2x} \frac{2x+1}{x}y = x$ i.e. $xe^{2x} \frac{dy}{dx} + (2x + 1)e^{2x}y = x$ is exact.

Therefore, $\frac{d}{dx}(yxe^{2x}) = x$. Integrating we get, $yxe^{2x} = \int x dx + c \Rightarrow yxe^{2x} = x^2/2 + c$

So the solution is $xye^{2x} = x^2/2 + c$ where c is an arbitrary constant.

[Do It Yourself] 3.29. Solve the Ode's: i) $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 3x^2e - 3x$, ii) $\frac{dy}{dx} + 4xy = 8x$,
 iii) $\frac{dr}{d\theta} + r \tan(\theta) = \cos(\theta)$, iv) $x dy + (xy + y - 1)dx = 0$, v) $y dx + (xy^2 + x - y)dy = 0$.

3.2.4 Bernoulli's Equations

► Bernoulli's Equations form: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$. Now $y^{-n}\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y^{1-n} = Q(x)$

► If we use the transformation $z = y^{1-n}$ then Bernoulli's Equations reduced to linear equation. [Prove]

[Do It Yourself] 3.30. Solve the Ode's: i) $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = xy^3$, ii) $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = -\frac{y^2}{x}$, iii) $x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = -2x^6y^4$, iv) $dy + (4y - 8y^{-3})xdx = 0$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.33. Consider the Ode: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = 0$. i) Show that if f and g are two solutions of this equation and c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants, then $c_1f + c_2g$ is also a solution of this equation. ii) Show that if f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n are n solutions of this equation and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are n arbitrary constants, then $\sum_{i=1}^k c_i f_i$ is also a solution of this equation.

[Do It Yourself] 3.34. If f_i be a solution of the Ode: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q_i(x)$, $i = 1, 2$. i) Show that if $f_1 + f_2$ is a solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q_1(x) + Q_2(x)$. ii) Use the result solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = \sin(x) + \sin(2x)$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.35. Solve the Ode: $(x + y + 2)dy - (y + 2)dx = 0$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.36. Solve $(x^2y^3 + xy)dy = dx$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.37. Find the general solution of the Ode: $(x^4 - y)dx + (y^4 - x)dy = 0$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.40. Consider the ordinary differential equation $x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x$, $0 < x < 1$. Which of the following is (are) solution(s) to the above?

(A) $y = x/2$. (B) $y = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{2}{x}$. (C) $y = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x}$. (D) $y = 0$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.41. Let $y(x)$ be the solution to the differential equation $x^4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^3y + \sin x = 0$, $y(\pi) = 1$, $x > 0$. Then $y(\pi/2)$ is

(A) $\frac{10(1+\pi^4)}{\pi^4}$. (B) $\frac{12(1+\pi^4)}{\pi^4}$. (C) $\frac{14(1+\pi^4)}{\pi^4}$. (D) $\frac{16(1+\pi^4)}{\pi^4}$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.42. Solve the Odes: i) $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = f(x)$, $x \geq 0$, $y(0) = 2$. Here

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi/2 \\ \cos x & \text{if } x \geq \pi/2 \end{cases}$$

3.2.5 Orthogonal Trajectories

► Let $F(x, y, c) = 0$ be a given one-parameter family of curves in the xy -Plane. A Curve that intersects the curves of the above family at right angles is called an orthogonal trajectory of the given family.

► So first we transform $F(x, y, c) = 0$ by its ode $f(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}) = 0$ then replace $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by $-\frac{dx}{dy}$ and solve the ode $f(x, y, -\frac{dx}{dy}) = 0$. We will find the orthogonal trajectory $G(x, y, c_1) = 0$.

► In polar co-ordinate: If $F(r, \theta, \frac{dr}{d\theta}) = 0$ is the trajectory $\Rightarrow F(r, \theta, -r^2\frac{d\theta}{dr}) = 0$ is the orthogonal trajectory.

Example 3.6. Show that the set of orthogonal trajectories of the family of circles $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ is the family of straight lines $y = mx$.

\Rightarrow The given family is $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$.

Differentiate both side w.r.t. x we get, $2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$. It is the differential equation of the given family.

Now the differential equation of the orthogonal family is $2x + 2y(-\frac{dx}{dy}) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} - \frac{dx}{x} = 0$. Integrating we get, $\ln(y) - \ln(x) = c \Rightarrow y = e^c x \Rightarrow y = mx$. Here m is arbitrary constant.

[Do It Yourself] 3.43. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the following families: $y = cx^2$, $cx^2 + y^2 = 1$, $y = \frac{cx^2}{x+1}$, $x^2 - y^2 = cx^3$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.44. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of ellipses having center at the origin, a focus at the point $(c, 0)$, and semi-major axis of length $2c$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.45. A given family of curves is said to be self-orthogonal if its family of orthogonal trajectories is the same as the given family. Show that the family of parabolas $y^2 = 2cx + c^2$ is self-orthogonal.

[Do It Yourself] 3.46. Show that the orthogonal trajectories of the family $r^2 = c \sin(2\theta)$ is $r^2 = c \cos(2\theta)$.