

HOMEWORK 3, M 331  
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**Problem 1.** Consider the ODE

$$(2ty^2 + 2y)dt + (2t^2y + 2t)dy = 0$$

- (i) Verify that this equation is exact, i.e., of the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  with  $M_y = N_t$  (where partial derivatives w.r.t. the corresponding variable are denoted by a subscript:  $M_y = \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$ , etc.).

$$\begin{aligned} M(t, y) &= 2ty^2 + 2y & \text{so} & & M_y &= 4ty + 2 \\ N(t, y) &= 2t^2y + 2t & \text{so} & & N_t &= 4ty + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the equation is exact.

- (ii) Find the function  $F(t, y)$  describing the solutions implicitly via  $F(t, y) = C$ .

The function  $F$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = M$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$ .

Integrating  $M$  with respect to  $t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} dt &= \int (2ty^2 + 2y) dt \\ (1) \quad F(t, y) &= t^2y^2 + 2ty + f(y) \end{aligned}$$

where  $f(y)$  is an unknown function of  $y$ .

Integrating  $N$  with respect to  $y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy &= \int (2t^2y + 2t) dy \\ (2) \quad F(t, y) &= t^2y^2 + 2ty + g(t) \end{aligned}$$

where  $g(t)$  is an unknown function of  $t$ .

Equating (1) and (2), we see that  $F(t, y) = t^2y^2 + 2ty$ .

- (iii) Determine the constant  $C$  so that the solution fulfills  $y(0) = 0$ . Draw this solution somehow.

All solutions satisfy  $t^2y^2 + 2ty = C$  for some constant  $C$ . Since  $y = 0$  when  $t = 0$ , we have  $C = 0$ . Then the solution satisfies  $t^2y^2 + 2ty = 0$ . Factoring,  $y(t^2y + 2t) = 0$  implies that  $y = 0$  or  $y = -\frac{2}{t}, t \neq 0$ . Since our solution must satisfy  $y(0) = 0$ , it must be the equilibrium solution  $y(t) = 0$  for all  $t$ .

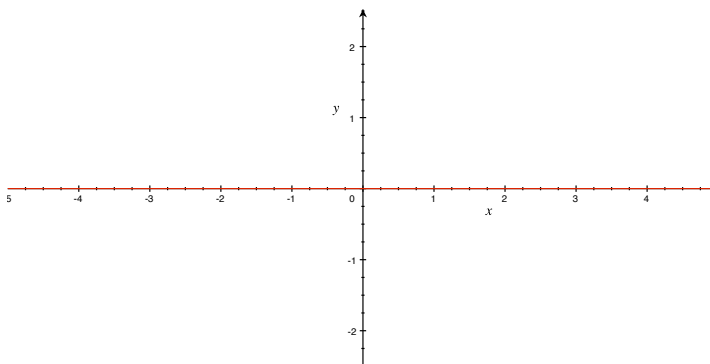


FIGURE 1

**Problem 2.** Consider the ODE

$$(ye^{2ty} + t)dt + bte^{2ty}dy = 0$$

- (i) For which value of  $b$  is this ODE exact?

For the ODE to be exact, we need  $M_y = N_t$ .  $M(t, y) = ye^{2ty} + t$  so  $M_y = e^{2ty} + 2tye^{2ty}$ .  $N(t, y) = bte^{2ty}$  so  $N_t = be^{2ty} + 2btye^{2ty}$ . Setting  $M_y = N_t$ , we have

$$e^{2ty} + 2tye^{2ty} = be^{2ty} + 2btye^{2ty}$$

Factoring,

$$e^{2ty}(1 + 2ty) = be^{2ty}(1 + 2ty)$$

Therefore,  $b = 1$ .

- (ii) Find all solutions of the ODE (possibly implicitly) for this value of  $b$ .

The ODE is

$$(ye^{2ty} + t)dt + te^{2ty}dy = 0$$

Since the equation is exact, there is a function  $F = F(t, y)$  such that all solutions lie on the level curves of  $F$ , i.e. they satisfy  $F(t, y) = C$  for some constant  $C$ . Furthermore, the function  $F$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = M$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$ .

Integrating  $M$  with respect to  $t$ ,

$$(3) \quad \int \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} dt = \int (ye^{2ty} + t) dt$$

$$F(t, y) = \frac{1}{2}e^{2ty} + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + f(y)$$

where  $f(y)$  is an unknown function of  $y$ .

Integrating  $N$  with respect to  $y$ ,

$$\int \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy = \int te^{2ty} dy$$

$$(4) \quad F(t, y) = \frac{1}{2}e^{2ty} + g(t)$$

where  $g(t)$  is an unknown function of  $t$ .

Equating (3) and (4), we see that  $F(t, y) = \frac{1}{2}e^{2ty} + \frac{1}{2}t^2$ . Therefore, all solutions of the ODE are  $\frac{1}{2}e^{2ty} + \frac{1}{2}t^2 = C$  for some constant  $C$ .

**Problem 3.** Solve (possibly implicitly) the ODE  $(2t - y)dt + (2y - t)dy = 0$  with initial condition  $y(1) = 3$ . Draw the solution curve.

The equation is in the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  with  $M(t, y) = 2t - y$  and  $N(t, y) = 2y - t$ . Since  $M_y = -1 = N_t$ , the equation is exact. So, there is a function  $F = F(t, y)$  such that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = M$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$  and all solutions lie on the level curves of  $F$ .

Integrating  $M$  with respect to  $t$ ,

$$\int \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} dt = \int (2t - y) dt$$

$$(5) \quad F(t, y) = t^2 - ty + f(y)$$

where  $f(y)$  is an unknown function of  $y$ .

Integrating  $N$  with respect to  $y$ ,

$$\int \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy = \int (2y - t) dy$$

$$(6) \quad F(t, y) = y^2 - ty + g(t)$$

where  $g(t)$  is an unknown function of  $t$ .

Equating (5) and (6), we see that  $F(t, y) = t^2 + y^2 - ty$ . Thus, the all solutions must satisfy  $t^2 + y^2 - ty = C$  for some constant  $C$ . Using the initial condition,  $y(1) = 3$ , we have  $C = 1 + 9 - 3 = 7$ . So, the solution to the IVP satisfies  $t^2 + y^2 - ty = 7$ .

To draw the solution curve, rewrite the equation as  $y^2 - ty + (t^2 - 7) = 0$ . The left hand side is a quadratic equation in  $y$ , for which we seek roots. Using the quadratic formula, we have

$$y = \frac{-(-t) \pm \sqrt{(-t)^2 - 4(1)(t^2 - 7)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{t \pm \sqrt{-3t^2 + 28}}{2}$$

Since our solution must satisfy  $y(1) = 3$ , we must take the positive square root. Then the solution is

$$y = \frac{t + \sqrt{-3t^2 + 28}}{2}$$

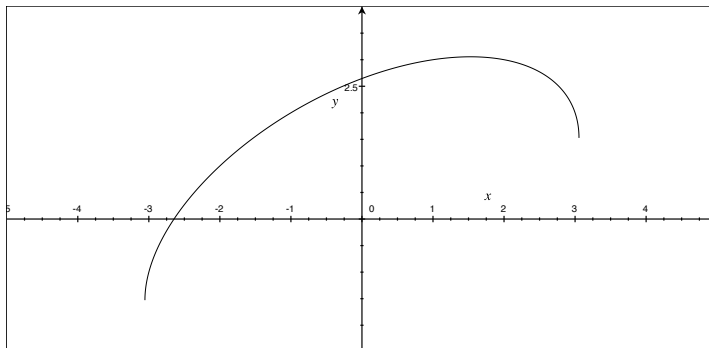


FIGURE 2

**Problem 4.** Solve the following ODEs by any method you have learned (if no initial condition is specified, find all solutions, possibly implicitly):

- (i)  $ydt + tdy = 0$  with initial condition  $y(1) = 1$ .

The equation is in the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  with  $M(t, y) = y$  and  $N(t, y) = t$ . Since  $M_y = 1 = N_t$ , the equation is exact. So, there is a function  $F = F(t, y)$  such that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = M$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$  and all solutions lie on the level curves of  $F$ .

Integrating  $M$  with respect to  $t$ ,

$$\int \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} dt = \int y dt$$

$$F(t, y) = ty + f(y)$$

(7)

where  $f(y)$  is an unknown function of  $y$ .

Integrating  $N$  with respect to  $y$ ,

$$\int \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy = \int t dy$$

$$F(t, y) = ty + g(t)$$

(8)

where  $g(t)$  is an unknown function of  $t$ .

Equating (7) and (8), we see that  $F(t, y) = ty$ . Thus, the all solutions must satisfy  $ty = C$  for some constant  $C$ . Using the initial condition,  $y(1) = 1$ , we have  $C = 1$ . So, the solution to the IVP satisfies  $ty = 1$ .

(ii)  $y' = \frac{2t+4y}{3y-4t}$ .

Rewrite the equation as  $(-2t - 4y)dt + (3y - 4t)dy = 0$ . Then the equation is in the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  and  $M_y = -4 = N_t$ , so it is exact. Solving by the method outlined above, we obtain the general solution  $\frac{3}{2}y^2 - t^2 - 4ty = C$ .

(iii)  $y' = \frac{2t+3}{2-2y}$  with initial condition  $y(0) = 1$ .

Rewrite the equation as  $(-2t - 3)dt + (2 - 2y)dy = 0$ . Then the equation is in the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  and  $M_y = 0 = N_t$ , so it is exact. Solving by the method outlined above, we obtain the general solution  $2y - y^2 - t^2 - 3t = C$ . Using the initial condition, we find  $C = 1$ , so the solution to the IVP satisfies  $2y - y^2 - t^2 - 3t = 1$ .

(iv)  $(9t^2 + y - 1)dt + (t - 4y)dy = 0$  with initial condition  $y(1) = 0$ .

The equation is in the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  and  $M_y = 1 = N_t$ , so it is exact. Solving by the method outlined above, we obtain the general solution  $3t^3 - t - 2y^2 + ty = C$ . Using the initial condition, we find  $C = 2$ , so the solution to the IVP satisfies  $3t^3 - t - 2y^2 + ty = 2$ .

**Problem 5.** Consider the ODE

$$(e^{2t} + y - 1)dt - dy = 0.$$

(i) Show that this ODE is not exact.

The equation is in the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  but  $M_y = 1$  while  $N_t = 0$ . Since  $M_y \neq N_t$ , the ODE is not exact.

(ii) Find an integrating factor for the ODE.

Suppose  $\mu = \mu(t)$  is an integrating factor for this ODE. Multiplying by  $\mu$ ,

$$\mu(t)(e^{2t} + y - 1)dt - \mu(t)dy = 0.$$

Let  $\tilde{M} = \mu(t)(e^{2t} + y - 1)$  and  $\tilde{N} = -\mu(t)$ . For the equation to be exact, we need  $\tilde{M}_y = \tilde{N}_t$ . We compute  $\tilde{M}_y = \mu(t)$  and  $\tilde{N}_t = -\mu'(t)$ . Setting these expressions equal, we obtain an ODE for  $\mu$ :  $\mu'(t) = -\mu(t)$ . This equation is separable and a solution is  $\mu(t) = e^{-t}$ . Hence, we have the following exact ODE:

$$e^{-t}(e^{2t} + y - 1)dt - e^{-t}dy = 0.$$

or

$$(e^t + e^{-t}y - e^{-t})dt - e^{-t}dy = 0.$$

Solving this equation by the method outlined in problems 1 through 4, the general solution satisfies  $-e^{-t}y + e^t + e^{-t} = C$  or  $y = e^{2t} + 1 + Ce^t$ .

**Problem 6.** Solve the ODE  $ydt + (2t - ye^y)dy = 0$ .

The equation is in the form  $Mdt + Ndy = 0$  but  $M_y = 1$  while  $N_t = 2$ . Since  $M_y \neq N_t$ , the ODE is not exact. We look for an integrating factor to transform the ODE into an exact equation. Suppose  $\mu = \mu(y)$  is an integrating factor for this ODE. Multiplying by  $\mu$ ,

$$\mu(y)ydt + \mu(y)(2t - ye^y)dy = 0.$$

Let  $\tilde{M} = \mu(y)y$  and  $\tilde{N} = \mu(y)(2t - ye^y) = 2t\mu(y) - \mu(y)ye^y$ . For the equation to be exact, we need  $\tilde{M}_y = \tilde{N}_t$ . We compute  $\tilde{M}_y = \mu(y) + y\mu'(y)$  and  $\tilde{N}_t = 2\mu(y)$ . Setting these expressions equal, we obtain an ODE for  $\mu$ :  $\mu(y) + y\mu'(y) = 2\mu(y)$ . Solving for  $\mu'(y)$ , we have  $\mu'(y) = \frac{\mu}{y}$ . This equation is separable and a solution is  $\mu = y$ . Hence, we have the following exact ODE:

$$y^2 dt + y(2t - ye^y)dy = 0.$$

or

$$y^2 dt + (2ty - y^2 e^y)dy = 0.$$

Solving this equation by the method outlined in problems 1 through 4, the general solution satisfies  $-ty^2 - (y^2 - 2y + 2)e^y = C$ .