

Math 441, Solutions, HW Set # 2

2.6, # 23 In class, we showed that if $\mu(x, y)$ is an integrating factor for $M + Ny' = 0$, then

$$M\mu_y - N\mu_x = \mu(N_x - M_y).$$

If μ is a function of y only, then the equation above reduces to

$$M\mu_y = \mu(N_x - M_y)$$

or

$$\frac{\mu_y}{\mu} = \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} \Rightarrow \log \mu(y) = \int \frac{N_x - M_y}{M} dy$$

Thus,

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

2.6 # 27 $1 + \left(\frac{x}{y} - \sin y\right) y' = 0$

$M_y = 0, N_x = 1/y \therefore$ not exact

We try to find an integrating factor $\mu(y)$. We need

$$\frac{N_x - M_y}{M} = \frac{1/y - 0}{1} = \frac{1}{y}, \text{ indeed a function of } y \text{ only}$$

$\therefore \mu(y) = e^{\int \frac{dy}{y}} = e^{\log y} = y$

$\therefore y + (x - y \sin y) y' = 0 \quad (*)$

thus, as $(*)$ is now exact, \exists a function $\psi(x, y) = C$:

$$\psi_x(x, y) = y, \quad \psi_y = x - y \sin y$$

$\therefore \psi(x, y) = xy + h(y)$

$$\psi_y = x + h'(y) = x - y \sin y$$

$\Rightarrow h'(y) = -y \sin y$ ~~to be constant~~

$\Rightarrow h(y) = -\int y \sin y dy + C_1, \quad C_1 \text{ constant}$

$$= y \cos y - \int \cos y dy + C_1 = y \cos y - \sin y + C_1$$

$\therefore \psi(x, y) = xy + y \cos y - \sin y + C_1$

$\therefore xy + y \cos y - \sin y = C$