

Differential equation using integrating factor

Solve the following differential equation:

$$2xy \ln(y) \, dx + (x^2 + y^2 \sqrt{y^2 + 1}) \, dy = 0$$

Solution

We see that it is not exact

$$\begin{aligned}P'_y &= 2x \ln(y) + 2x \\Q'_x &= 2x \\&\Rightarrow P'_y \neq Q'_x\end{aligned}$$

We find the integrating factor

$$\varphi(y) = e^{\int \frac{Q'_x(x,y) - P'_y(x,y)}{P(x,y)} dy}$$

Where $\frac{Q'_x(x,y) - P'_y(x,y)}{P(x,y)} = \frac{1}{y}$

$$e^{-\int \frac{1}{y} dy} = e^{-\ln(y)} = e^{\ln(y^{-1})} = y^{-1}$$

The integrating factor depends solely on y . We multiply the entire equation by the integrating factor

$$y^{-1} 2xy \ln(y) dx + y^{-1} (x^2 + y^2 \sqrt{y^2 + 1}) dy = 0$$

$$2x \ln(y) dx + \left[\frac{x^2}{y} + y \sqrt{y^2 + 1} \right] dy = 0$$

Let's check that this equation is exact

$$\begin{aligned}P'_y &= \frac{2x}{y} \\Q'_x &= \frac{2x}{y} \\&\Rightarrow P'_y = Q'_x\end{aligned}$$

We solve the exact differential equation.

We look for $U(x, y)$

$$U(x, y) = \int P(x, y) dx = \int 2x \ln(y) dx = x^2 \ln(y) + C(y)$$

We derive with respect to y and equate it to $Q(x, y)$

$$\begin{aligned}U'_y &= \frac{x^2}{y} + C'(y) = \frac{x^2}{y} + y \sqrt{y^2 + 1} \\C'(y) &= y \sqrt{y^2 + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Integrating

$$\int y \sqrt{y^2 + 1} dy$$

Using substitution method:

$$\begin{aligned}u &= y^2 + 1 \\du &= 2y dy \\du/2 &= y dy \\ \frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{u} du &= \frac{1}{2} u^{3/2} \frac{2}{3} + C = \frac{(y^2 + 1)^{3/2}}{3} + C \\C(y) &= \frac{1}{3} (y^2 + 1)^{3/2} + C\end{aligned}$$

Replacing, we obtain that the solution is:

$$x^2 \ln(y) + \frac{1}{3} (y^2 + 1)^{3/2} + C = 0$$