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Mathematics Blog

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Exact Differentiation

If an expression is of the type $Mdx + Ndy$ where M & N are functions of x and y or constant then it may be reduced to 'du', where 'u' is a function of x and y , then " $Mdx + Ndy$ " is said to be an exact differential

{ i.e., $u = f(x, y)$ or constant

~~so it~~ $M = g(x, y)$
 $N = h(x, y)$

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$$\Rightarrow Mdx + Ndy = du$$

Theorem (Statement)

The necessary & sufficient condition that the expression $Mdx + Ndy$ be exact differential

$$\text{is } \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Proof: Since the statement has two parts necessary & sufficient we have to prove both parts.

In Necessary we suppose $Mdx + Ndy = du$ to be true and prove $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

In Sufficient we suppose $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ to be true and prove $Mdx + Ndy = du$?

Necessary Condition

Let us suppose that $Mdx + Ndy$ is an exact differential and equal to du .

$$\Rightarrow Mdx + Ndy = du \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Also we know that

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Comparing (i) & (ii) we get

$$M = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \& \quad N = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

Now differentiating M w.r.t. y we get

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Again Differentiating 'N'
w.r.t. 'x' we get

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

We know that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$

therefore from (iii) & (iv) we get

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \quad \text{Proved}$$

Sufficient Condition

Let us suppose that $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

then we have to prove that $Mdx + Ndy = du$

Let $\int Mdx = P \Rightarrow M = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$

Now we have $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right) \quad \text{--- } \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{substituting} \\ \text{above value of } M \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

Now integrating both sides of Eqn (v) w.r.t. 'x' we get

$$N = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \phi(y) \quad \text{--- (vi)}$$

where $\phi(y)$ is a function of y.

[Here instead of constant we take $\phi(y)$ on integration because N is a function of both x & y and if N is differentiated w.r.t. x $\phi(y)$ vanishes]

$$\text{Now } M dx + N dy = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \left[\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \phi(y) \right] dy$$

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$$= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy + \phi(y) dy$$

$$= d[P + \psi(y)] \quad \text{--- where } d(\psi(y)) = \phi(y)$$

Explanation

[Here we use $\psi(y)$ which is independent of 'x' but dependent on y, but on differentiation it is reduced to $\phi(y)$]

$$\Rightarrow d(P) = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy$$

$$d(\psi(y)) = 0 \cdot dx + \left[\frac{\partial(\psi(y))}{\partial y} \right] dy$$
$$= \phi(y) dy$$

Now let $P + \psi(y) = U$

$$\Rightarrow M dx + N dy = du$$

Proved

Ques P.T. $(x^3 + 3xy^2) dx + (y^3 + 3x^2y) dy$ is an exact differential.

Soln Using the above theorem we get the given eqn is in form of $M dx + N dy$ so using above theorem we have

$$M = x^3 + 3xy^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 0 + 6yx = 6xy$$

$$N = y^3 + 3x^2y$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 0 + 6xy = 6xy$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Therefore $(x^3 + 3xy^2) dx + (y^3 + 3x^2y) dy$ is an exact differential.