

Hello and thank you for your reply! However I have below problems.

In the section 1.9 of the above mentioned book the author talks about exact equations and he writes them in the below form.

$$M(t, y) + N(t, Y) \frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \quad (I)$$

Then he points out if $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}$ the above equations could be considered as an exact equation and it has a solution however, if $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}$ then the equation (I) could be turned into an exact equation and then be solved only if the below exists:

$$\frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}}{N} = \text{a function of "t" only}$$

or

$$\frac{\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}}{M} = \text{a function of "y" only}$$

And there exists an “integrating factor” of the form

$$\exp\left(\int \frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial t}}{N} \cdot dt\right) \text{ or } \exp\left(\int \frac{\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}}{M} \cdot dy\right)$$

Now my problems:

Consider Bernoulli equation of below:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + a(t) \cdot y = b(t) \cdot y^n$$

First why $\mu(t) = \exp(\int a(t) \cdot dt)$ is multiplied to the both sides of the equation? (Note: I understand $\mu(t) = \exp(\int a(t) \cdot dt)$ is integration factor for first order linear differential equations but why it is multiplied to both sides of Bernoulli equation (is Bernoulli equation a first order linear differential equation? Because I don't think so!)

Second, Consider below equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t) \cdot y) = b(t) \cdot \mu(t) \cdot y^n$$

If we multiply both sides of the equation by $(1 - n)y^{-n}$

We would have:

$$-(1 - n)b(t)\mu(t) + (1 - n)y^{-n} \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t) \cdot y) = 0$$

Now if we assume

$$M(t, y) = -(1 - n)b(t)\mu(t) \text{ \& } N(t, Y) = (1 - n)y^{-n} \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t) \cdot y)$$

Then how could we calculate integrating factor? (As the question requires)

I think we should consider $\mu(t)$ (as it is appeared in the question) what do u say?