

Exact Eqs:

$$dz = M(x,y) dx + N(x,y) dy$$

$$dz = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = \text{exact differential}$$

$$\text{Note: } \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$$

If  $dz=0$ , this is an exact equation which may be solved by:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = M$$

$$\int \partial f = \int M \partial x \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{"constant"} \\ \text{is a function of } y \end{array}$$

$$f(x,y) = \int M dx + g(y)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} N(x,y) & \searrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \int M dx + g(y) \right] \\ & = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int M dx + g'(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$g'(y) = N(x,y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \int M dx \right]$$

Integrate to find  $g'(y)$ , then  $f(x,y)$  will be known.