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### 2.5. CLASSIFICATION OF SECOND-ORDER PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH TWO VARIABLES

#### Algorithm

1) Find  $b^2 - ac$ , determine the type of equation.

2) We find the first integrals of the characteristic equations:

$$\text{in the case when } a \neq 0 : \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - ac}}{a},$$

$$\text{in the case when } c \neq 0 : \quad \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - ac}}{c}$$

3) The first integrals have the form:

in the case of hyperbolic type:  $\varphi(x, y) = C, \psi(x, y) = C;$

in the case of elliptic type:  $\alpha(x, y) \pm i\beta(x, y) = C,$

in the case of parabolic type:  $\delta(x, y) = C.$

4) We replace variables:

$$\text{in the case of hyperbolic type: } \begin{cases} \xi = \varphi(x, y); \\ \eta = \psi(x, y). \end{cases}$$

$$\text{in the case of elliptical type: } \begin{cases} \xi = \alpha(x, y); \\ \eta = \beta(x, y). \end{cases}$$

$$\text{in the case of parabolic type: } \begin{cases} \xi = \delta(x, y); \\ \eta = \varepsilon(x, y). \end{cases}$$

where  $\varepsilon(x, y)$  is any function of  $C^1$  such that  $\begin{vmatrix} \delta_x & \delta_y \\ \varepsilon_x & \varepsilon_y \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ .

The result of the replacement will be the canonical form of the equation.

### **Example 1**

Bring it to a canonical form

$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} - 3u_{yy} + u_x + u_y = 0$$

Solution:

The type of equation:

$$a = 1, \quad b = 1, \quad c = -3$$

$$b^2 - ac = 1 + 3 = 4 > 0$$

This equation has a hyperbolic type.

Next, we need to bring it to a canonical form.

We write the characteristic equation:

$$dy^2 - 2dydx - 3dx^2 = 0$$

We solve this equation as a quadratic one.

$$a dy - \left( b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - ac} \right) dx = 0$$

$$dy - \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{4} \right) dx = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} dy - 3dx = 0 \\ dy + dx = 0 \end{cases}$$

It is good that we have an equation with constant coefficients:  $a, b, c$  do not depend on  $x, y$ .

$$\begin{cases} y - 3x = C_1 \\ y + x = C_2 \end{cases}$$

Let's make a substitution:

$$\begin{cases} \xi = y - 3x \\ \eta = y + x \end{cases}$$

When moving to these variables, the equation (\*) is greatly simplified.

$$u(x, y) \rightarrow U(\xi, \eta)$$

The derivative of the whole function:

$$u_x = U_\xi \xi_x + U_\eta \eta_x$$

$$u_y = U_\xi \xi_y + U_\eta \eta_y$$

Take the second derivatives of  $u_x, u_y$ .

$$u_{xx} = U_\xi \cdot (-3) + U_\eta \cdot 1$$

$$u_{yy} = U_\xi \cdot 1 + U_\eta \cdot 1$$

From these derivatives we take the second derivatives:

$$u_{xx} = -3(U_{\xi\xi} \cdot \xi_x + U_{\xi\eta} \cdot \eta_x) + 1(U_{\eta\xi} \cdot \xi_x + U_{\eta\eta} \cdot \eta_x) =$$

$$= -3(U_{\xi\xi} \cdot (-3) + U_{\xi\eta} \cdot 1) + 1(U_{\eta\xi} \cdot (-3) + U_{\eta\eta} \cdot 1) =$$

$$= 9U_{\xi\xi} - 6U_{\eta\xi} + U_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xy} = -3(U_{\xi\xi} \cdot \xi_y + U_{\xi\eta} \cdot \eta_y) + 1(U_{\eta\xi} \cdot \xi_y + U_{\eta\eta} \cdot \eta_y) =$$

$$= -3(U_{\xi\xi} \cdot 1 + U_{\xi\eta} \cdot 1) + 1(U_{\eta\xi} \cdot 1 + U_{\eta\eta} \cdot 1) =$$

$$= -3U_{\xi\xi} - 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = 1(U_{\xi\xi} \cdot \xi_y + U_{\xi\eta} \cdot \eta_y) + 1(U_{\eta\xi} \cdot \xi_y + U_{\eta\eta} \cdot \eta_y) =$$

$$= 1 \cdot U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\xi\eta} \cdot 1 + U_{\eta\xi} \cdot 1 + U_{\eta\eta} \cdot 1 =$$

$$= U_{\xi\xi} + 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}$$

Substituting everything into our equation:

$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} - 3u_{yy} + u_x + u_y = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 9U_{\xi\xi} - 6U_{\eta\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} + 2(-3U_{\xi\xi} - 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}) - \\ & -3(U_{\xi\xi} + 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}) + U_\xi \cdot (-3) + U_\eta \cdot 1 + U_\xi \cdot 1 + U_\eta \cdot 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 9U_{\xi\xi} - 6U_{\eta\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} - 6U_{\xi\xi} - 4U_{\xi\eta} + 2U_{\eta\eta} - \\ & -3U_{\xi\xi} - 6U_{\xi\eta} - 3U_{\eta\eta} - 3U_\xi + U_\eta + U_\xi + U_\eta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-16U_{\xi\eta} + 2U_\eta - 2U_\xi = 0$$

$$U_{\xi\eta} = \frac{2U_\xi - 2U_\eta}{-16}$$

## **Example 2 EQUATION WITH VARIABLE COEFFICIENTS**

To bring to a canonical form in each area where the type is preserved, the equation

$$yu_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

Solution:

**Step 1.** The type of equation:

$$a = y, \quad b = 0, \quad c = 1$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - ac = 0 - y \cdot 1 = -y$$

Therefore,

- 1) in the half-plane  $y < 0, \Delta > 0 \Rightarrow$  means hyperbolic type,
- 2) in the half-plane  $y > 0, \Delta < 0 \Rightarrow$  means elliptical type,
- 3) on the straight  $y = 0$  discriminant  $\Delta = 0 \Rightarrow$  means parabolic type.

**Step 2.**

Next, we need to bring it to a canonical form.

We write the characteristic equation:

$$ydy^2 + dx^2 = 0$$

We solve this equation as a quadratic one.

Since  $c = 1 \neq 0$ , the characteristic equations have the form:

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{c}, \quad \text{that is, } \frac{dx}{dy} = \pm \sqrt{-y}$$

This is an equation with separable variables. We solve them:

**1.** in the half-plane  $y < 0$

$$dx = \pm \sqrt{-y} dy \quad \Rightarrow \quad x + c = \mp \frac{2}{3} (-y)^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Therefore, the first integrals have the form:

$$\boxed{\varphi(x, y) = x + \frac{2}{3} (-y)^{\frac{3}{2}} = c, \quad \psi(x, y) = x - \frac{2}{3} (-y)^{\frac{3}{2}} = c}$$

**2.** in the half-plane  $y > 0$

$$dx = \pm i \sqrt{y} dy \quad \Rightarrow \quad x + c = \pm i \frac{2}{3} y^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Therefore, the first integrals have the form:

$$\alpha(x, y) \pm i\beta(x, y) = c,$$

where

$$\boxed{\alpha(x, y) = x}, \quad \boxed{\beta(x, y) = \frac{2}{3} y^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

**3.** on the straight  $y = 0$

$$dx = 0 \cdot dy \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = c$$

Therefore, the first integral (the only linearly independent one) has the form:

$$\boxed{\delta(x, y) = x.}$$

### Step 3.

Replacing variables.

According to the algorithm, it is necessary to carry out a replacement.

**1.** in the half-plane  $y < 0$

$$\begin{cases} \xi = x + \frac{2}{3}(-y)^{\frac{3}{2}}; \\ \eta = x - \frac{2}{3}(-y)^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_x &= 1, \\ \xi_y &= -\sqrt{-y}, \\ \eta_x &= 1, \\ \eta_y &= \sqrt{-y} \end{aligned}$$

Then by entering the function  $U(\xi, \eta)$ , we get:

$$u_x = U_\xi \xi_x + U_\eta \eta_x$$

$$u_y = U_\xi \xi_y + U_\eta \eta_y$$

Take the second derivatives of  $u_x, u_y$ .

$$u_{xx} = U_\xi \cdot 1 + U_\eta \cdot 1 = U_\xi + U_\eta$$

$$u_{yy} = U_\xi \cdot (-\sqrt{-y}) + U_\eta \cdot (\sqrt{-y}) = \sqrt{-y}(-U_\xi + U_\eta)$$

From these derivatives we take the second derivatives:

$$u_{xx} = U_{\xi\xi} + 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = -y(U_{\xi\xi} - 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}) - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-y}}(-U_\xi + U_\eta)$$

Substituting the found derivatives into the original equation, we get:

$$yu_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & y(U_{\xi\xi} + 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}) - y(U_{\xi\xi} - 2U_{\xi\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}) - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-y}}(-U_\xi + U_\eta) = \\ & = y \left[ 4U_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{2(-y)^{\frac{3}{2}}}(-U_\xi + U_\eta) \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $4y$  and expressing  $2(-y)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{3}{2}(\xi - \eta)$ , we get the canonical form:

$$U_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{6(\xi - \eta)}(-U_\xi + U_\eta) = 0$$

2. in the half-plane  $y > 0$

$$\begin{cases} \xi = x; \\ \eta = \frac{2}{3} y^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_x &= 1, \\ \xi_y &= 0, \\ \eta_x &= 0, \\ \eta_y &= \sqrt{y} \end{aligned}$$

Then by entering the function  $U(\xi, \eta)$ , we get:

$$u_x = U_\xi \xi_x + U_\eta \eta_x$$

$$u_y = U_\xi \xi_y + U_\eta \eta_y$$

$$u_x = U_\xi + U_\eta \cdot 0 = U_\xi$$

$$u_y = U_\xi \cdot 0 + U_\eta \sqrt{y} = U_\eta \sqrt{y}$$

$$u_{xx} = U_{\xi\xi}$$

$$u_{yy} = U_{\eta\eta} y + \frac{I}{2\sqrt{y}} U_\eta$$

Substituting the found derivatives into the original equation, we get:

$$yu_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
yU_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta}y + \frac{I}{2\sqrt{y}}U_\eta &= y(U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta}) + \frac{I}{2\sqrt{y}}U_\eta = \\
&= y\left(U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} + \frac{I}{2y^{\frac{3}{2}}}U_\eta\right) = \left[2y^{\frac{3}{2}} = 3\eta\right] = \\
&= y\left(U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} + \frac{I}{3\eta}U_\eta\right) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $y$ , we get the canonical form:

$$U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} + \frac{I}{3\eta}U_\eta = 0$$

**3.** on the straight  $y = 0$

$$\begin{cases} \xi = x; \\ \eta = y. \end{cases}$$

We need to arbitrarily choose  $\eta(x, y)$  so that the functions  $\xi, \eta$  form a linearly independent pair.

$$\xi_x = 1,$$

$$\xi_y = 0,$$

$$\eta_x = 0,$$

$$\eta_y = 1$$

Then by entering the function  $U(\xi, \eta)$ , we get:

$$u_x = U_\xi \xi_x + U_\eta \eta_x$$

$$u_y = U_\xi \xi_y + U_\eta \eta_y$$

$$u_x = U_\xi$$

$$u_y = U_\eta$$

$$u_{xx} = U_{\xi\xi}$$

$$u_{yy} = U_{\eta\eta}$$

Substituting the found derivatives into the original equation for  $y=0$ , we get:

$$u_{yy} = U_{\eta\eta} = 0$$

So, the canonical form of the original equation on the line  $y=0$ :

$$U_{\eta\eta} = 0 \text{ or, what is the same, } u_{yy} = 0.$$

Answer:

$$\begin{cases} U_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{6(\xi-\eta)}(-U_\xi + U_\eta) = 0 & \text{in the area } y < 0, \text{ hyperbolic type} \\ U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} + \frac{1}{3\eta}U_\eta = 0 & \text{in the area } y > 0, \text{ elliptical type} \\ U_{\eta\eta} = 0 & \text{in the area } y = 0, \text{ parabolic type.} \end{cases}$$

# REDUCTION TO THE CANONICAL FORM OF PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF THE 2ND ORDER WITH CONSTANT COEFFICIENTS

In this section, we will consider second-order partial differential equations with constant coefficients and  $n$  independent variables:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_i x_j} + f(x_1, \dots, x_n; u, u_{x_1}, \dots, u_{x_n}) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$a_{ij} = \text{const} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad i, j = \overline{1, n}.$$

## **Definition 1**

**The characteristic quadratic form of equation (1)** is the expression:

$$Q(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \lambda_i \lambda_j. \quad (2)$$

**The normal form of the quadratic form (2)** is its form:

$$\tilde{Q}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \mu_k^2, \quad \beta_k \in \{-1, 0, 1\}. \quad (3)$$

**The canonical form of equation (1)** is the form in which its characteristic quadratic form takes the normal (or canonical) form:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k u_{x_k x_k} + g(x_1, \dots, x_n; u, u_{x_1}, \dots, u_{x_n}) = 0. \quad (4)$$

## Definition 2

Equation (1) refers to

- 1) **hyperbolic type**, if the coefficients  $\beta_k$  are different from zero and not all of the same sign;
- 2) **elliptical type**, if all coefficients  $\beta_k$  are nonzero and all of the same sign;
- 3) **parabolic type**, if at least one of the coefficients  $\beta_k$  is zero.

## Algorithm

- 1) We reduce the characteristic quadratic form to the canonical (normal) form (3) (by the method of selecting complete squares). We write out the transformation matrix that performs this process:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_n \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \vdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \vdots & \alpha_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \alpha_{n2} & \vdots & \alpha_{nn} \end{pmatrix}}_A \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det A \neq 0.$$

- 2) We find the matrix  $\Gamma$  of the substitution of variables according to the law:

$$\Gamma = (A^T)^{-1}.$$

3) We replace variables:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_n \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{12} & \vdots & \gamma_{1n} \\ \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} & \vdots & \gamma_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ \gamma_{n1} & \gamma_{n2} & \vdots & \gamma_{nn} \end{pmatrix}}_{\Gamma} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The result of the replacement will be the canonical form (4) of equation (1).

### Example 3

To bring the equation to a canonical form:

$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + 5u_{yy} - 32u = 0.$$

Solution:

#### Step 1

The characteristic quadratic form of this equation has the form

$$Q(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_1\lambda_2 + 5\lambda_2^2.$$

Let's bring it to the canonical form:

$$Q(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_1\lambda_2 + 5\lambda_2^2 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2 + (2\lambda_2)^2 = \mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2,$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \mu_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2; \\ \mu_2 = 2\lambda_2 \end{cases}$$

that is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}_A \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Step 2

Let's find the matrix of substitution of variables  $\Gamma$ :

$$\Gamma = (A^T)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Step 3

We replace the variables:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

that is,

$$\begin{cases} \xi = x; \\ \eta = \frac{1}{2}(-x + y). \end{cases}$$

To put new variables in the original equation, let's put

$$U(\xi, \eta) = u(x, y)$$

and find  $u_x, u_y, u_{xx}, u_{xy}, u_{yy}$  as derivatives of a complicated function

$$U(\xi(x, y), \eta(x, y)):$$

$$u_x = U_\xi - \frac{1}{2}U_\eta$$

$$u_y = \frac{1}{2}U_\eta$$

$$u_{xx} = U_{\xi\xi} - U_{\xi\eta} + \frac{1}{4}U_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xy} = \frac{1}{2}U_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{4}U_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = \frac{1}{4}U_{\eta\eta}$$

Substituting the found derivatives into the left side of the original equation and giving similar ones, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + 5u_{yy} - 32u &= \left( U_{\xi\xi} - U_{\xi\eta} + \frac{1}{4}U_{\eta\eta} \right) + 2\left( \frac{1}{2}U_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{4}U_{\eta\eta} \right) + \\ &+ 5\left( \frac{1}{4}U_{\eta\eta} \right) - 32U = U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} - 32U \end{aligned}$$

Answer:

the equation has an elliptical type,

$$U_{\xi\xi} + U_{\eta\eta} - 32U = 0, \text{ where } \xi = x, \eta = \frac{1}{2}(-x + y).$$

## HOMEWORK 7 (The deadline is October 14, 2024)

<b>Version 1</b>	<b>Version 2</b>
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### 2.6. BASIC EQUATIONS OF MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS