

Partial Differential Equations

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Solve the following by using method of separating the variables:

1

$$u_{xx} + 9u = 0$$

2

$$u_{xy} - u = 0$$

3

$$xu_{xy} + 2yu = 0$$

4

$$u_x + u_y = (x + y)u$$

5

$$u_x = yu_y$$

1.Solⁿ : Given equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 9u = 0.... \quad \dots(1), \quad u = u(x, y)$$

Let

$$u(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

be the solution of (1).

Then, differentiating with respect to x we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot Y$$

Also,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} \cdot Y$$

So, from equation (1), we get

$$\frac{d^2X}{dx^2} \cdot Y + 9X \cdot Y = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d^2X}{dx^2} \cdot Y = -9X \cdot Y$$

dividing by XY , we get

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = -9$$

or,

$$\frac{d^2X}{dx^2} - 9X = 0$$

It's auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } m^2 = -9$$

$$\text{i.e. } m = \pm 3i$$

which are two imaginary values. So,

$$X = C_1 \cos 3x + C_2 \sin 3x$$

Hence, from (1),

$$u = X.Y$$

becomes

$$u = (C_1 \cos 3x + C_2 \sin 3x) Y$$

which is required solution.

2.Solⁿ : Given equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} - u = 0 \dots \dots (1), \quad u = u(x, y)$$

Let

$$u(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

be the solution of (1).

Then, differentiating partially with respect to x we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot Y$$

Again, differentiating partially with respect to y we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot \frac{dY}{dy}$$

So, from equation (1), we get

$$\frac{dX}{dx} \cdot \frac{dY}{dy} - X \cdot Y = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot \frac{dY}{dy} = X \cdot Y$$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{dX}{dx} = \frac{Y}{\frac{dY}{dy}} = k(\text{say})$$

then,

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{dX}{dx} = k \dots \dots (2)$$

and

$$\frac{Y}{\frac{dY}{dy}} = k \dots \dots (3)$$

From (2), separating the variables we get

$$\frac{dX}{X} = kdx$$

Integrating,

$$\log X = kx + \log C_1$$

$$\text{or, } \log \frac{X}{C_1} = kx$$

$$\text{i.e. } X = C_1 e^{kx}$$

From (3),

$$Y = k \frac{dY}{dy}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{dY}{Y} = \frac{dy}{k}$$

Integrating,

$$\log Y = \frac{1}{k} \cdot y + \log C_2$$

$$\text{or, } \log \frac{Y}{C_2} = \frac{1}{k} \cdot y$$

$$\text{i.e. } Y = C_2 e^{y/k}$$

Hence,

$$u = X.Y$$

now becomes

$$u = C_1 e^{kx} . C_2 e^{y/k}$$

$$i.e. u = C e^{kx+y/k}$$

which is required solution, where $C = C_1.C_2$

3.Solⁿ : Given equation is

$$x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + 2yu = 0 \dots \dots (1), \quad u = u(x, y)$$

Let

$$u(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

be the solution of (1).

Then, differentiating partially with respect to x we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot Y$$

Again, differentiating partially with respect to y we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot \frac{dY}{dy}$$

So, from (1)

$$x \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot \frac{dY}{dy} + 2yX.Y = 0$$

$$\text{or, } x \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot \frac{dY}{dy} = -2yX.Y$$

separating the variables, we get

$$\frac{x}{X} \cdot \frac{dX}{dx} = \frac{-2yY}{\frac{dY}{dy}} = k(\text{say})$$

Then,

$$\frac{x}{X} \cdot \frac{dX}{dx} = k... \quad (2)$$

and

$$\frac{-2yY}{\frac{dY}{dy}} = k.... \quad (3)$$

From (2), we get

$$\frac{dX}{X} = k \frac{dx}{x}$$

Integrating,

$$\log X = k \log x + \log C_1$$

$$\text{or, } \log X = \log x^k + \log C_1 = \log(C_1 x^k)$$

$$\therefore X = C_1 x^k$$

From, equation (3), we get

$$-2yY = k \cdot \frac{dY}{dy}$$

or,

$$\frac{dY}{Y} = -\frac{2}{k} y dy$$

Integrating,

$$\log Y = -\frac{2}{k} \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} + \log C_2$$

i.e.

$$Y = C_2 e^{-\frac{y^2}{k}}$$

Hence

$$u = X.Y$$

becomes

$$u = C_1 x^k . C_2 e^{-\frac{y^2}{k}}$$

$$\therefore u = C . x^k . e^{-\frac{y^2}{k}}$$

which is required solution..

4.Solⁿ : Given equation is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = (x + y)u \dots \dots \dots (1), \quad u = u(x, y)$$

Let

$$u(x, y) = X(x) \cdot Y(y)$$

be the solution of (1).

Then, differentiating partially with respect to x we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{dX}{dx} \cdot Y$$

Also, differentiating partially with respect to y we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = X \cdot \frac{dY}{dy}$$

So, from (1)

$$\frac{dX}{dx} \cdot Y + X \cdot \frac{dY}{dy} = (x + y)XY$$

Dividing by XY

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{dX}{dx} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{dY}{dy} = x + y$$

or

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{dX}{dx} - x = y - \frac{1}{Y} \frac{dY}{dy} = k(\text{say})$$

Then,

and

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{dX}{dx} - x = k... \quad (2)$$

$$y - \frac{1}{Y} \frac{dY}{dy} = k... \quad (3)$$

From (2)

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{dX}{dx} = k + x$$

or

$$\frac{dX}{X} = (k + x)dx$$

Integrating,

$$\int \frac{dX}{X} = \int (k + x) dx + \text{constant}$$

or,

$$\log X = kx + \frac{x^2}{2} + \log C_1$$

$$i.e. X = c_1 e^{(kx + \frac{x^2}{2})}$$

From (3)

$$\frac{1}{Y} \frac{dY}{dy} = y - k$$

or

$$\frac{dY}{Y} = (y - k)dy$$

Integrating,

$$\int \frac{dY}{Y} = \int (y - k) dy + \text{constant}$$

or,

$$\log Y = \frac{y^2}{2} - ky + \log C_2$$

$$i.e. Y = c_2 e^{(\frac{y^2}{2} - ky)}$$

Hence

$$u = X.Y$$

becomes

$$u = c_1 e^{(kx + \frac{x^2}{2})} . c_2 e^{(\frac{y^2}{2} - ky)}$$

$$\therefore u = Ce^{\{k(x-y) + \frac{1}{2}(x^2+y^2)\}}$$

which is required solution.