

# Normal form of a PDE

See [video](#).

## 1. Compare with the standard PDE

$$Au_{xx} + Bu_{xy} + C_{yy} + Du_x + Eu_y + Fu = G$$

Obtain constant values

## 2. Classify with Discriminant

Classify PDE:

Discriminant	PDE type
$B^2 - 4AC > 0$	Hyperbolic
$B^2 - 4AC = 0$	Parabolic
$B^2 - 4AC < 0$	Elliptic

## 3. Find Characteristic Equation (normal form)

**Hyperbolic:**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\xi(y)}{\xi(x)} = \frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\eta(y)}{\eta(x)} = \frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \end{cases}$$

**Parabolic:**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{B}{2A}$$

**Hyperbolic:**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \end{cases}$$

## 4. Integrate Characteristic Equations

We are trying to obtain the following values:

$$\xi(x, y) = c_1, \quad \eta(x, y) = c_2$$

This is done differently depending on the type of PDE.

**Hyperbolic:**

$$\xi(x, y) = c_1, \quad \eta(x, y) = c_2$$

**Parabolic:**

$\xi(x, y) = c_1$  and  $\eta$  will be chosen such that it will not be parallel to the  $\xi$  coordinate;  $\eta$  is chosen such that *the jacobian of the transformation is not zero*.

**Elliptic:**

A *second transformation is done* after finding  $\xi(x, y) = c_1$  and  $\eta(x, y) = c_2$ :

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = \frac{\xi + \eta}{2} \\ \beta = \frac{\xi - \eta}{2i} \end{cases}$$

## 5. Write the canonical equation (normal form)!

$$\bar{A}u_{\xi\xi} + \bar{B}u_{\xi\eta} + \bar{C}u_{\eta\eta} + \bar{D}u_{\xi} + \bar{E}u_{\eta} + \bar{F}u = \bar{G}$$

where

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{A} = A\xi_x^2 + B\xi_x\xi_y + C\xi_y^2 \\ \bar{B} = 2A\xi_x\eta_x + B(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x) + 2C\xi_y\eta_x \\ \bar{C} = A\eta_x^2 + B\eta_x\eta_y + C\eta_y^2 \\ \bar{D} = A\xi_{xx} + B\xi_{xy} + C\xi_{yy} + D\xi_x + E\xi_y \\ \bar{E} = A\eta_{xx} + B\eta_{xy} + C\eta_{yy} + D\eta_x + E\eta_y \\ \bar{F} = F \\ \bar{G} = G \end{array} \right.$$

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