

**Example 17.8.** Solve  $(mz - ny) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + (nx - lz) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = ly - mx$ .

(Rohtak, 2011 ; V.T.U., 2010 ; C.S.V.T.U., 2009)

**Solution.** Here the subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{mz - ny} = \frac{dy}{mx - lz} = \frac{dz}{ly - mx}$


Using multipliers  $x, y$ , and  $z$ , we get each fraction =  $\frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{0}$

$\therefore xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$  which on integration gives  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a$  ... (i)

Again using multipliers  $l, m$  and  $n$ , we get each fraction =  $\frac{ldx + mdy + ndz}{0}$

$\therefore ldx + mdy + ndz = 0$  which on integration gives  $lx + my + nz = b$  ... (ii)

Hence from (i) and (ii), the required solution is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = f(lx + my + nz)$ .

 **Example 17.9.** Solve  $(x^2 - y^2 - z^2)p + 2xyq = 2xz$ .

(V.T.U., 2013 ; Anna, 2009 ; C.S.V.T.U., 2008)

**Solution.** Here the subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{x^2 - y^2 - z^2} = \frac{dy}{2xy} = \frac{dz}{2xz}$

From the last two fractions, we have  $\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z}$

which on integration gives  $\log y = \log z + \log a$  or  $y/z = a$  ... (i)

Using multipliers  $x, y$  and  $z$ , we have

$$\text{each fraction} = \frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} \quad \therefore \quad \frac{2xdx + 2ydy + 2zdz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \frac{dz}{z}$$

Example 17.11. Solve  $(x^2 - yz)p + (y^2 - zx)q = z^2 - xy$ .

Solution. Here the subsidiary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{x^2 - yz} = \frac{dy}{y^2 - zx} = \frac{dz}{z^2 - xy} \quad \dots(i)$$

Each of these equations =  $\frac{dx - dy}{x^2 - y^2 - (y - x)z} = \frac{dy - dz}{y^2 - z^2 - x(z - y)}$

$$\frac{d(x - y)}{(x - y)(x + y + z)} = \frac{d(y - z)}{(y - z)(x + y + z)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d(x - y)}{x - y} = \frac{d(y - z)}{y - z} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Integrating,  $\log(x - y) = \log(y - z) + \log c \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x - y}{y - z} = c$

Each of the subsidiary equations (i) =  $\frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz}$

$$= \frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{(x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - yz - zx - xy)} \quad \dots(iii)$$

Also each of the subsidiary equations =  $\frac{dx + dy + dz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - yz - zx - xy} \quad \dots(iv)$

Equating (iii) and (iv) and cancelling the common factor, we get

$$\frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x + y + z} = dx + dy + dz$$

or

$$\int (xdx + ydy + zdz) = \int (x + y + z)d(x + y + z) + c'$$

or

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = (x + y + z)^2 + 2c' \quad \text{or} \quad xy + yz + zx + c' = 0$$

Combining (ii) and (v), the general solution is

$$\frac{x - y}{y - z} = f(xy + yz + zx).$$

**Example 17.12.** Solve  $p - q = 1$ .

(Anna, 2009)

**Solution.** The complete solution is  $z = ax + by + c$  where  $a - b = 1$

Hence  $z = ax + (a - 1)y + c$  is the desired solution.

**Example 17.13.** Solve  $x^2 p^2 + y^2 q^2 = z^2$ .

(Rohtak, 2011 ; Anna, 2008 ; Bhopal, 2008 ; Kerala, 2005)

**Solution.** Given equation can be reduced to the above form by writing it as

$$\left(\frac{x}{z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 = 1$$

...(i)

and setting

$$\frac{dx}{x} = du, \frac{dy}{y} = dv, \frac{dz}{z} = dw \text{ so that } u = \log x, v = \log y, w = \log z,$$

Then (i) becomes

$$\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial v}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$P^2 + Q^2 = 1 \quad \text{where } P = \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} \quad \text{and } Q = \frac{\partial w}{\partial v}.$$

complete solution is  $w = au + bv + c$

$$a^2 + b^2 = 1 \text{ or } b = \sqrt{1 - a^2}.$$

(ii) becomes  $w = au + \sqrt{1 - a^2}v + c$

$\log z = a \log x + \sqrt{1 - a^2} \log y + c$  which is the required solution.

**Form II.  $f(z, p, q) = 0$ , i.e., equations not containing  $x$  and  $y$ .**

As a trial solution, assume that  $z$  is a function of  $u = x + ay$ , where  $a$  is an arbitrary constant.

$$p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du}$$

$$q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = a \frac{dz}{du}$$

Substituting the values of  $p$  and  $q$  in  $f(z, p, q) = 0$ , we get

$$f\left(z, \frac{dz}{du}, a \frac{dz}{du}\right) = 0 \text{ which is an ordinary differential equation of the first order.}$$

Rewriting it as  $\frac{dz}{du} = \phi(z, a)$  it can be easily integrated giving

$$F(z, a) = u + b, \text{ or } x + ay + b = F(z, a) \text{ which is the desired complete solution.}$$

Thus to solve  $f(z, p, q) = 0$ ,

- (i) assume  $u = x + ay$  and substitute  $p = dz/du$ ,  $q = a dz/du$  in the given equation;
- (ii) solve the resulting ordinary differential equation in  $z$  and  $u$ ;
- (iii) replace  $u$  by  $x + ay$ .

**Example 17.14.** Solve  $p(1 + q) = qz$ .

(Rohtak, 2012)

**Solution.** Let  $u = x + ay$ , so that  $p = dz/du$  and  $q = a dz/du$ .

Substituting these values of  $p$  and  $q$  in the given equation, we have

$$\frac{dz}{du} \left(1 + a \frac{dz}{du}\right) = az \frac{dz}{du} \quad \text{or} \quad a \frac{dz}{du} = az - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \int \frac{a dz}{az - 1} = \int du + b$$

$$\log(az - 1) = u + b \text{ or } \log(az - 1) = x + ay + b$$

is the required complete solution.

$$u = x + ay$$

**Example 17.15.** Solve  $q^2 = z^2 p^2 (1 - p^2)$ .

(J.N.T.U., 2005 ; Kerala, 2005)

**Solution.** Setting  $u = y + ax$  and  $z = f(u)$ , we get

$$p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = a \frac{dz}{du} \quad \text{and} \quad q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du}$$

$\therefore$  The given equation becomes  $\left(\frac{dz}{du}\right)^2 = a^2 z^2 \left(\frac{dz}{du}\right)^2 \left\{1 - a^2 \left(\frac{dz}{du}\right)^2\right\}$  ... (i)

$$a^4 z^2 \left(\frac{dz}{du}\right)^2 = a^2 z^2 - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dz}{du} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 z^2 - 1}}{a^2 z}$$

$$\text{Integrating, } \int \frac{a^2 z}{\sqrt{a^2 z^2 - 1}} dz = \int du + c \quad \text{or} \quad (a^2 z^2 - 1)^{1/2} = u + c$$

$$a^2 z^2 = (y + ax + c)^2 + 1$$

$$[\because u = y + ax]$$

The second factor in (i) is  $dz/du = 0$ . Its solution is  $z = c'$ .

**Example 17.16.** Solve  $z^2(p^2 + q^2) = 1$ .

(Bhopal, 2008 S)