

ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS - I

Unit - 3: Partial Differential Equations

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- 1 Problems on formation of PDE by eliminating arbitrary functions

Problem 1

$$z = (x + y) \phi(x^2 - y^2)$$

Solution: Differentiating

$$z_x = 1 \cdot \phi + (x + y)2x \cdot \phi' \quad (1)$$

$$z_y = 1 \cdot \phi + (x + y)(-2y)\phi' \quad (2)$$

From (2),

$$\phi' = \frac{\phi - z_y}{2y(x + y)} \quad (3)$$

Substituting (3) in (1):

$$z_x = \phi + 2x(x + y) \left[\frac{\phi - z_y}{2y(x + y)} \right]$$

$$p = \phi + \frac{x}{y}(\phi - q)$$

$$p = \left(\frac{x + y}{y} \right) \phi - \frac{x}{y}q$$



Problem 1 (contd.)



From the given equation, $\phi = \frac{z}{x+y}$. Substituting ϕ ,

$$p = \frac{x+y}{y} \cdot \frac{z}{x+y} - \frac{x}{y}q = \frac{z}{y} - \frac{x}{y}q$$

$$\text{or } yp + xq = z$$

Problem 2

$$z = x^n f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Solution: By differentiation,

$$z_x = nx^{n-1}f + x^n \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) f'$$

$$z_y = x^n \cdot \frac{1}{x} f' \quad \text{or} \quad f' = \frac{z_y}{x^{n-1}}$$

Eliminating f' ,

$$z_x = nx^{n-1}f - x^{n-2}y \cdot \frac{z_y}{x^{n-1}}$$

$$xp = nx^n f - yq$$

$$\text{or} \quad xp = nz - yq$$



Problem 3



$$xyz = f(x + y + z)$$

Solution: Differentiating w.r.t. x and y

$$yz + xyz_x = 1 \cdot f' + f' \cdot z_x \quad (1)$$

$$xz + xyz_y = 1 \cdot f' + f' \cdot z_y \quad (2)$$

From (2),

$$f' = \frac{xz + xyz_y}{1 + z_y} = \frac{xz + xyq}{1 + q} \quad (3)$$

Problem 3 (contd.)



Put (3) in (1)

$$yz + xyp = (1 + p)f' = (1 + p) \left(\frac{xz + xyq}{1 + q} \right)$$

$$(1 + q)(yz + xyp) = (1 + p)(xz + xyq)$$

$$\text{or } x(y - z)p + y(z - x)q = z(x - y)$$

Problem 4

$$z = f(x) g(y)$$

Solution: Differentiating w.r.t. x and y , we get

$$z_x = f'(x) g(y)$$

$$z_y = f(x) g'(y)$$

$$z_x \cdot z_y = f'(x) g(y) \cdot f(x) g'(y) = f(x) g(y) f'(x) g'(y) = z f'(x) g'(y)$$

But

$$z_{xy} = f'(x) g'(y)$$

so

$$z_x \cdot z_y = z z_{xy}$$

or

$$pq = zs$$

