

# MSO203B MSO203 Part B

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TOTAL POINTS

8 / 9

QUESTION 1

## 1 Part B Method of Characteristics 8 / 9

✓ + 1 pts  $\dot{x}(t)=1, x(0)=s$

✓ + 1 pts  $\dot{y}(t)=-3, y(0)=0$

✓ + 1 pts  $\dot{z}(t)=z^4, z(0)=1$

*\*\*If the ode with initial condition is written then only give full '1' mark for rubric 1,2,3\*\*.*

✓ + 1 pts  $x(t) = t+s$

✓ + 1 pts  $y(t) = -3t$

✓ + 1 pts  $z(t) = (\frac{1}{1-3t})^{1/3}$

+ 1 pts  $u(x,y) = (\frac{1}{1+y})^{1/3}$  for  $y > -1$

*\*\*If  $y > -1$  is not written, give '0'.\*\**

✓ + 1 pts  $x = -\frac{y}{3} + s$

*\_projected characteristics does not intersect as they are family of parallel straight line\_.*

✓ + 1 pts *For the same reason projected characteristic passes through all points.*

+ 0 pts Completely wrong/ Not Attempted.

+ 9 pts Completely correct

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Q4 [9-marks] Consider the following problem:

$$u_x - 3u_y = u^4, u(x, 0) = 1$$

a) Find a solution of the above problem using method of characteristics.

b) Does two different projected characteristics intersect? Does there exist any point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  through which no projected characteristics passes?

Sol. (a) Initializing parameters:  $x = \tau, f(\tau) = 1$ ; where  $\tau$  is the curve parameterized by  $s$  and  $\tau$  here is the  $x$ -axis.  
 $z = g(\tau) = 1$   
 $y = h(\tau) = 0$

$$z = u(x, y)$$

(2) Characteristic equations:

$$a(x, y, u) = x'(t) = 1 \quad x(0) = \tau \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$b(x, y, u) = y'(t) = -3 \quad y(0) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$c(x, y, u) = z'(t) = z^4 \quad z(0) = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

(3) Solving characteristics

$$\text{From (1)} \quad x(t) = t + \tau \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{From (2)} \quad y(t) = -3t \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{From (3)} \quad \int \frac{z'(t)}{z^4} dt = \int dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z^{-3}}{-3} = t + C$$

From initial condition

$$\frac{1}{-3} = 0 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{3z^3} = t - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow z^3 = \frac{1}{3t - 1} = \frac{1}{1 - 3t}$$

Substituting value of  $y(t) = -3t$

$$\Rightarrow z^3 = \frac{1}{1 + y} \Rightarrow z = \left(\frac{1}{1 + y}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + y}\right)^{1/3}$$

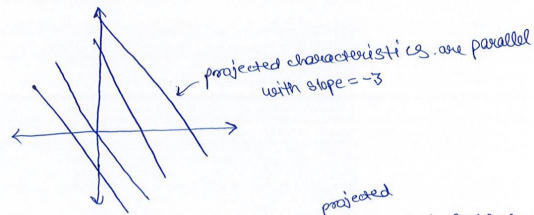
(b) From (4) and (5)

$$x(t) = -\frac{y(t)}{3} + \tau \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Let  $x(t) = -\frac{y(t)}{3} + \tau_1$  and  $x(t) = -\frac{y(t)}{3} + \tau_2$  be two projected characteristics.

On subtracting we get  $\tau_1 = \tau_2$

$\therefore$  No two different characteristics do not intersect.



There exist no point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  through which no characteristic passes. This is because we can always find a parameter  $\tau$  in (6) for any given value of  $x$  and  $y$ .