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# MTH 424 - PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

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## Assignment 1

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1. Find the order of the following PDEs and classify them (linear, semilinear, quasilinear or fully nonlinear):

(i)  $u_t - u_{xxt} + uu_x = 0.$

(ii)  $u_x + e^y u_y = 0.$

(iii)  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{i,j}(x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) + c(x)u(x) + d(x) = 0.$

(iv)  $u_t + \frac{1}{2}(u^2)_x = f(x).$

(v)  $u_t + \frac{1}{2}(u_x)^2 = f(x).$

(vi)  $u_t + \sup_{\alpha} \{f^{\alpha}(t, x) + b^{\alpha}(t, x) \cdot \nabla u(t, x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}[A^{\alpha}(x) D^2 u](t, x)\} = 0$ , where  $A^{\alpha}$  are symmetric matrices and  $D^2 u$  is the Hessian matrix.

(vii)  $(\sin u_{xx})u_x + y^2 u_y = u_x u_y.$

2. (i) Solve  $u_y = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the auxiliary condition  $u(x, 0) = x^2$ .

- (ii) Check what will happen solving  $u_y = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the auxiliary condition  $u(0, y) = y^2$ ?

- (iii) For which auxiliary condition, the similar phenomenon to (ii) occur while solving  $au_x + bu_y = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where  $a, b \neq 0$ ? Justify.

3. Use the method of characteristics to solve for  $u(x, y)$  where

$$\begin{cases} xu_x + u_y = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}. \end{cases}$$

Plot the 'profiles' (values of  $u(x, y)$ ) for  $y = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

4. Consider the PDE  $xu_x + yu_y = 2u$  in the region  $x > 0, y > 0$ . Determine the characteristic curve. Solve the PDE on  $x^2 + y^2 > 1$  when  $u(x, y) = 1$  on  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

5. Consider the following PDEs, sketch the characteristic curves, the initial curve and solve

(a)  $(x + 2)u_x + 2yu_y = au$  with  $u(-1, y) = \sqrt{y}$ .

(b)  $x^2 u_x - y^2 = 0$  with  $u(1, y) = F(y)$ .

6. Use the method of characteristics to solve for  $u(x, y)$  where

$$\begin{cases} uu_x + u_y = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}. \end{cases}$$

Plot the 'profiles' (values of  $u(x, y)$ ) for  $y = 0, 0.5, 1$ .