

Defⁿ The order of a partial differential equation is the order of highest derivative occurring in equation.

An equation of following type

$$F(x, y, z, t, \dots, u_x, u_y, u_z, u_t, \dots, u_{xx}, u_{yy}, \dots, u_{xyz}, \dots) = 0$$

is called a general PDE. — (*)

Ex ① $u_t = k(u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz})$ } 2nd order PDE
 ② $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz} = 0$
 ③ $u_{tt} = c^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz})$ }

④ $u_t = u u_{xxx} + \sin x$ — Third order PDE.

Defⁿ If the function F is linear in u_x, u_y, u_z and in other partial derivatives then (*) is called linear PDE.

Next we consider the following linear PDE.

$$A u_{xx} + B u_{xy} + C u_{yy} + D u_x + E u_y + F u = G$$

where A, B, C, \dots are functions of x and y . Now if ①

$B^2 - 4AC < 0$ the ① is called Elliptic

$B^2 - 4AC = 0$ — Parabolic

$B^2 - 4AC > 0$ — Hyperbolic PDE

and $B^2 - 4AC$ is called discriminant.

Canonical Form

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Consider most general transformation of independent variables x and y of equation (1) to new variable ξ, η where

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

— (2)

such that the functions ξ and η are continuously differentiable and the Jacobian

$$J = \frac{\partial(\xi, \eta)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} \xi_x & \xi_y \\ \eta_x & \eta_y \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 = (\xi_x \eta_y - \xi_y \eta_x)$$

— (3)

Using chain rule of partial differentiation the partial derivatives becomes

$$u = u(\xi, \eta)$$

$$u_x = u_\xi \xi_x + u_\eta \eta_x$$

$$u_y = u_\xi \xi_y + u_\eta \eta_y$$

$$u_{xx} = u_{\xi\xi} \xi_x^2 + 2u_{\xi\eta} \xi_x \eta_x + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_x^2 + u_\xi \xi_{xx} + u_\eta \eta_{xx}$$

$$u_{xy} = u_{\xi\xi} \xi_x \xi_y + u_{\xi\eta} (\xi_x \eta_y + \xi_y \eta_x) + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_x \eta_y + u_\xi \xi_{xy} + u_\eta \eta_{xy}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{\xi\xi} \xi_y^2 + 2u_{\xi\eta} \xi_y \eta_y + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_y^2 + u_\xi \xi_{yy} + u_\eta \eta_{yy}$$

Substituting these in (1) we get—

$$\bar{A} u_{\xi\xi} + \bar{B} u_{\xi\eta} + \bar{C} u_{\eta\eta} + \bar{D} u_\xi + \bar{E} u_\eta + \bar{F} u = \bar{G} \quad (4)$$

$$\bar{A} = A \xi_x^2 + B \xi_x \xi_y + C \xi_y^2$$

$$\bar{B} = 2A \xi_x \eta_x + B(\xi_x \eta_y + \xi_y \eta_x) + 2C \xi_y \eta_y$$

$$\bar{C} = A \eta_x^2 + B \eta_x \eta_y + C \eta_y^2$$

$$\bar{T} = A\bar{z}_{xx} + B\bar{z}_{xy} + C\bar{z}_{yy} + D\bar{z}_x + E\bar{z}_y \quad (2)'$$


$$\bar{E} = A\eta_{xx} + B\eta_{xy} + C\eta_{yy} + D\eta_x + E\eta_y$$

$$\bar{F} = \hat{F}, \quad \bar{G} = \hat{G}.$$

It may be noted that the transformed equation (4) has the same form as that of original equation (1).

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It can be  that under the transformation ②, the equation ① take the following forms:

$$(i) \quad u_{\xi\xi} - u_{\eta\eta} = \phi(\xi, \eta, u, u_\xi, u_\eta)$$

or $u_{\xi\eta} = \phi(\xi, \eta, u, u_\xi, u_\eta)$ in the hyperbolic case

$$(ii) \quad u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\eta\eta} = \phi(\xi, \eta, u, u_\xi, u_\eta) \text{ in elliptic case}$$

$$(iii) \quad u_{\xi\xi} = \phi(\xi, \eta, u, u_\xi, u_\eta)$$

or $u_{\eta\eta} = \phi(\xi, \eta, u, u_\xi, u_\eta)$ in the parabolic case

It can easily be seen that

$$\bar{B}^2 - 4\bar{A}\bar{C} = (\xi_x \eta_y - \xi_y \eta_x)^2 (B^2 - 4AC)$$

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Canonical form for Hyperbolic Equation:

Since $\bar{B}^2 - 4\bar{A}\bar{C} > 0$ for hyperbolic case Ps. $\bar{A} = 0, \bar{C} = 0$ says that in the canonical form $u_{\xi\xi}, u_{\eta\eta}$ coefficient are zero

We set $\bar{A} = 0, \bar{C} = 0$ i.e.,

$$\bar{A} = A\xi_x^2 + B\xi_x\xi_y + C\xi_y^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- ⑥}$$

$$\bar{C} = A\eta_x^2 + B\eta_x\eta_y + C\eta_y^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- ⑦}$$

from ⑥

$$A \left(\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} \right)^2 + B \frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} + C = 0 \quad \text{--- ⑧}$$

and from ⑦

$$A \left(\frac{\eta_x}{\eta_y} \right)^2 + B \left(\frac{\eta_x}{\eta_y} \right) + C = 0 \quad \text{--- ⑨}$$

Solving (8) & (9) we get- PDE (4)

$$\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} = \frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4Ac}}{2A}$$

only +ve soln (10)

$$\frac{\eta_x}{\eta_y} = \frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4Ac}}{2A}$$

only -ve soln (11)

We have considered only one solution for each otherwise we will end up with same two coordinates.

(10) & (11) are called characteristic equations.

get. Here we have two family of curves $\xi(x, y) = C_1$ & $\eta(x, y) = C_2$ (12)

from

$$\xi(x, y) = C_1$$

$$d\xi = \xi_x dx + \xi_y dy = 0$$

or

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y}\right) = -\left(\frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4Ac}}{2A}\right) \quad (13)$$

and from

$$\eta(x, y) = C_2$$

$$d\eta = \eta_x dx + \eta_y dy = 0$$

implies

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{\eta_x}{\eta_y}\right) = -\left(\frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4Ac}}{2A}\right) \quad (14)$$

Integrating (13) & (14) we get the equations of family of curves $\xi(x, y) = C_1$ & $\eta(x, y) = C_2$ which are called characteristics of PDE (1).

Ex

$$3u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} = 0$$

$$A = 3, B = 10, C = 3$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 100 - 4 \cdot 3 = 100 - 36 = 64 > 0$$

Hence this is Hyperbolic PDE. and Characteristic equations

$$\text{and } \frac{dy}{dx} = - \left(\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} \right) = - \left(\frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = - \left(\frac{\eta_x}{\eta_y} \right) = - \left(\frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = - \left(\frac{-10 + 8}{6} \right) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{dy}{dx} = - \left(\frac{-10 - 8}{6} \right) = 3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1) $y = \frac{1}{3}x + C_1$ --- (3)

$$C_1 = y - \frac{x}{3}$$

$$\xi(x, y) = y - \frac{x}{3} = C_1$$

from (2) $y = 3x + C_2$ --- (4)

$$C_2 = y - 3x$$

$$\eta(x, y) = y - 3x = C_2$$

Characteristics

$$\bar{A} = A \xi_x^2 + B \xi_x \xi_y + C \xi_y^2 = 3 \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 + 10 \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right) (1) + 3(1)$$

$$= + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{10}{3} + 3$$

$$= -\frac{9}{3} + 3$$

$$= -3 + 3 = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\bar{C} &= A \eta_n^2 + B \eta_n \eta_y + C \eta_y^2 \\ &= 3.9 + 10(-3)(1) + 3.(1)^2 \\ &= 27 - 30 + 3 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\bar{C} = 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{B} &= 2A \xi_n \eta_n + B(\xi_n \eta_y + \xi_y \eta_n) + 2C \xi_y \eta_y \\ &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot (-\frac{1}{3})(-3) + 10 \left[(-\frac{1}{3})(1) + (1)(-3) \right] \\ &\quad + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot (1)(1)\end{aligned}$$

$$= +6 - 10 \left[\frac{1+9}{3} \right] + 6$$

$$= 12 - \frac{100}{3} = \frac{36 - 100}{3} = -\frac{64}{3}$$

Hence the required canonical form is

$$\frac{64}{3} u_3 \eta = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (u_3 \eta = 0)$$

Canonical form for parabolic Eq

$\bar{B}^2 - 4\bar{A}\bar{C} = 0$ which can be true if $\bar{B} = 0$ and \bar{A} or \bar{C} is equal to zero. Let $\bar{A} = 0$

$$\bar{A} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{A} = A \xi_x^2 + B \xi_x \xi_y + C \xi_y^2 = 0$$

$$A \left(\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} \right)^2 + B \left(\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} \right) + C = 0$$

$$\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

$$\text{Since } \bar{B}^2 - 4\bar{A}\bar{C} = 0 \Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

Thus

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$$\frac{z_x}{z_y} = -\frac{B}{2A}$$

and from the curve $z(x,y) = C_1$

$$dz = z_x dx + z_y dy = 0 \text{ implies}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{z_x}{z_y}\right) = \frac{B}{2A}$$

(1)

$A=0 \Rightarrow B=0$ which can be seen as follows

Now from (1)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{z_x}{z_y}\right) = \frac{B}{2A} \text{ which gives the family of curve } z(x,y) = C_1 \text{ and } \eta(x,y) \text{ can be taken such that } \frac{\partial z(x,y)}{\partial \eta(x,y)} \neq 0$$

Ex

$$x^2 u_{xx} - 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = e^x$$

$$A = x^2, B = -2xy, C = y^2$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 4x^2y^2 - 4x^2y^2 = 0$$

Hence given PDE is parabolic everywhere.

The characteristic equation is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{B}{2A} = \frac{-2xy}{2x^2} = -\frac{y}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = -\frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\ln y = -\ln x + \ln C \text{ or } \ln xy = \ln C$$

$$\boxed{xy = C}$$

characteristic

Then $z = xy = C$, Now Take $\eta = y$

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So - $\frac{\partial(z, \eta)}{\partial(x, y)} = \begin{vmatrix} z_x & z_y \\ \eta_x & \eta_y \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = y$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A} &= A z_x^2 + B z_x z_y + C z_y^2 \\ &= x^2 y^2 - 2xy^2 + y^2 n^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{B} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C} &= A \eta_x^2 + B \eta_x \eta_y + C \eta_y^2 \\ &= x^2 \cdot 0 - 2xy(0) \cdot 1 + y^2 (1)^2 \\ &= y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{D} = -2xy$$

$$\bar{E} = 0, \bar{F} = 0, \bar{G} = e^x$$

Hence the transformed eq. is

$$y^2 u_{\eta\eta} - 2xy u_z = e^x$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{y^2 u_{\eta\eta} = 2xy u_z + e^{z/n}}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad \overline{A} = 0 \Rightarrow \overline{B} = 0$$

$$\overline{B} = 2A\xi_x\eta_x + B(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x) + 2C\xi_y\eta_y \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = (\xi_x\eta_y - \xi_y\eta_x)^2 = (B^2 - 4AC)$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0 \Rightarrow B^2 = 4AC$$

$$B = 2\sqrt{AC}$$

Then (1) can be written as

$$\overline{B} = 2A\xi_x\eta_x + 2\sqrt{AC}(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x) + 2C\xi_y\eta_y$$

$$\overline{B} = 2(\sqrt{A}\xi_x + \sqrt{C}\xi_y)(\sqrt{A}\eta_x + \sqrt{C}\eta_y) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

and we have

$$\frac{\xi_x}{\xi_y} = -\frac{B}{2A} = -\frac{2\sqrt{AC}}{2A} = -\sqrt{\frac{C}{A}}$$

$$\sqrt{A}\xi_x + \sqrt{C}\xi_y = 0$$

Thus from (2) we get-

$$\overline{B} = 0$$

$$\text{So } \overline{A} = 0 \Rightarrow \overline{B} = 0$$

We therefore choose ξ in such a way that both \overline{A} and \overline{B} are zero. Then η can be chosen any way we like as long as it is not parallel to ξ -coordinate. In other words, we choose η such that the Jacobian of the transform is not zero.