

MTH-632 PDEs
Assignment (2): Classification and Canonical
Forms

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2.2.2

a.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= 5^2 - 4(4 * 1) \\ &= 25 - 16 \\ &= 9 > 0\end{aligned}$$

\implies The problem is hyperbolic.

b.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= 1^2 - 4(1 * 1) \\ &= 1 - 4 \\ &= -3 < 0\end{aligned}$$

\implies The problem is elliptic.

c.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= 10^2 - 4(3 * 3) \\ &= 100 - 36 \\ &= 64 > 0\end{aligned}$$

\implies The problem is hyperbolic.

d.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= 2^2 - 4(1 * 3) \\ &= 4 - 12 \\ &= -8 < 0\end{aligned}$$

\implies The problem is elliptic.

e.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= (-4)^2 - 4(2 * 2) \\ &= 16 - 16 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

\implies The problem is parabolic.

f.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= 5^2 - 4(1 * 4) \\ &= 25 - 16 \\ &= 9 > 0\end{aligned}$$

\implies The problem is hyperbolic.

2.3.1 & 2.3.2

a.

Find the characteristic equation, characteristic curves and obtain a canonical form for:

$$xu_{xx} + u_{yy} = x^2$$

Solution:

$$A = x \quad B = 0 \quad C = 1 \quad D = 0 \quad E = 0 \quad F = 0 \quad G = x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= B^2 - 4AC \\ &= 0 - 4(x * 1) \\ &= -4x.\end{aligned}$$

$\implies x < 0$ then hyperbolic
 $x = 0$ then parabolic
 $x > 0$ then elliptic.

1. $x < 0$ (hyperbolic):

Step 1: Characteristic Equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \\ &= \frac{0 \pm \sqrt{0 - 4x}}{2x} \\ &= \pm \frac{2\sqrt{-x}}{2x} \\ &= \pm (-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Solve for the Characteristic Curves:

$$\begin{aligned}\xi &= \phi_1(x, y) = y + 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} = C_1 \\ \eta &= \phi_2(x, y) = y - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} = C_2\end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Compute the Canonical Coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_x &= x^{-\frac{1}{2}} & \eta_x &= -x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \xi_{xx} &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} & \eta_{xx} &= \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ \xi_y &= 1 & \eta_y &= 1 \\ \xi_{yy} &= 0 & \eta_{yy} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}A^* &= A\xi_x^2 + B\xi_x\xi_y + C\xi_y^2 = 0 \\ B^* &= 2A\xi_x\eta_x + B(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x) + 2C\xi_y\eta_y = 4 \\ C^* &= A\eta_x^2 + B\eta_x\eta_y + C\eta_y^2 = 0 \\ D^* &= A\xi_{xx} + B\xi_{xy} + C\xi_{yy} + D\xi_x + E\xi_y = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ E^* &= A\eta_{xx} + B\eta_{xy} + C\eta_{yy} + D\eta_x + E\eta_y = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ F^* &= F = 0 \\ G^* &= G = x^2.\end{aligned}$$

Step 4: Transform to the Canonical Form:

$$4u_\xi\eta + \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}u_\xi - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}u_\eta = x^2.$$

Step 5: Compute x and y in terms of ξ and η :

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) \\ x &= [\frac{1}{4}(\xi - \eta)]^2\end{aligned}$$

Finally, substitute x and y in terms of ξ and η in the Canonical Form.

Same steps should be repeated for the parabolic and elliptic cases.

b,c,d,e,f

Can be solved in the same way as part (a) solved above.

2.4.1 & 2.4.2

Can be solved in the same way as problem 2.3.1&2.3.2 above.

2.5.2