### CHAPTER 1

#### Introduction and Applications 1

## **Basic Concepts and Definitions**

## **Problems**

- 1. Give the order of each of the following PDEs
  - a.  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$
  - b.  $u_{xxx} + u_{xy} + a(x)u_y + \log u = f(x, y)$
  - c.  $u_{xxx} + u_{xyyy} + a(x)u_{xxy} + u^2 = f(x, y)$ d.  $u_{xx} + u_{yy}^2 + e^u = 0$ e.  $u_x + cu_y = d$
- 2. Show that

$$u(x, t) = \cos(x - ct)$$

is a solution of

$$u_t + cu_x = 0$$

- 3. Which of the following PDEs is linear? quasilinear? nonlinear? If it is linear, state whether it is homogeneous or not.
  - a.  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} 2u = x^2$
  - b.  $u_{xy} = u$
  - $c. \quad u \, u_x + x \, u_y = 0$
  - $d. \quad u_x^2 + \log u = 2xy$
  - $e. \quad u_{xx} 2u_{xy} + u_{yy} = \cos x$
  - f.  $u_x(1+u_y) = u_{xx}$
  - $g. \quad (\sin u_x)u_x + u_y = e^x$
  - h.  $2u_{xx} 4u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + 3u = 0$
  - i.  $u_x + u_x u_y u_{xy} = 0$
- 4. Find the general solution of

$$u_{xy} + u_y = 0$$

(Hint: Let  $v = u_y$ )

5. Show that

$$u = F(xy) + x G(\frac{y}{x})$$

is the general solution of

$$x^2 u_{xx} - y^2 u_{yy} = 0$$

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- 1. a. Second order
  - b. Third order
  - c. Fourth order
  - d. Second order
  - e. First order
- $2. \ u = \cos(x ct)$

$$u_t = -c \cdot (-\sin(x - ct)) = c\sin(x - ct)$$

$$u_x = 1 \cdot (-\sin(x - ct)) = -\sin(x - ct)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_t + cu_x = c\sin(x - ct) - c\sin(x - ct) = 0.$$

- 3. a. Linear, inhomogeneous
  - b. Linear, homogeneous
  - c. Quasilinear, homogeneous
  - d. Nonlinear, inhomogeneous
  - e. Linear, inhomogeneous
  - f. Quasilinear, homogeneous
  - g. Nonlinear, inhomogeneous
  - h. Linear, homogeneous
  - i. Quasilinear, homogeneous

4.

$$u_{xy} + u_y = 0$$

Let  $v = u_y$  then the equation becomes

$$v_x + v = 0$$

For fixed y, this is a separable ODE

$$\frac{dv}{v} = -dx$$

$$\ln v = -x + C(y)$$

$$v = K(y) e^{-x}$$

In terms of the original variable u we have

$$u_y = K(y) e^{-x}$$
$$u = e^{-x} q(y) + p(x)$$

You can check your answer by substituting this solution back in the PDE.

5.

$$u = F(xy) + xG\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$u_x = yF'(xy) + G\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x\left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right)G'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$u_{xx} = y^2F''(xy) + \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right)G'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \frac{y}{x}\left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right)G''\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \left(\frac{y}{x^2}\right)G'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$u_{xx} = y^2F''(xy) + \frac{y^2}{x^3}G''\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$u_y = xF'(xy) + x\frac{1}{x}G'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$u_{yy} = x^2F''(xy) + \frac{1}{x}G''\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$x^2u_{xx} - y^2u_{yy} = x^2\left(y^2F'' + \frac{y^2}{x^3}G''\right) - y^2\left(x^2F'' + \frac{1}{x}G''\right)$$

Expanding one finds that the first and third terms cancel out and the second and last terms cancel out and thus we get zero.

#### **Applications** 1.2

#### Conduction of Heat in a Rod 1.3

#### **Boundary Conditions** 1.4

#### **Problems**

1. Suppose the initial temperature of the rod was

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \le x \le 1/2 \\ 2(1-x) & 1/2 \le x \le 1 \end{cases}$$

and the boundary conditions were

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$$
,

what would be the behavior of the rod's temperature for later time?

2. Suppose the rod has a constant internal heat source, so that the equation describing the heat conduction is

$$u_t = ku_{xx} + Q, \qquad 0 < x < 1.$$

Suppose we fix the temperature at the boundaries

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

$$u(1, t) = 1.$$

What is the steady state temperature of the rod? (Hint: set  $u_t = 0$ .)

3. Derive the heat equation for a rod with thermal conductivity K(x).

4. Transform the equation

$$u_t = k(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$$

to polar coordinates and specialize the resulting equation to the case where the function udoes NOT depend on  $\theta$ . (Hint:  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $\tan \theta = y/x$ )

5. Determine the steady state temperature for a one-dimensional rod with constant thermal properties and

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{a.} & Q=0, & u(0)=1, & u(L)=0 \\ \text{b.} & Q=0, & u_x(0)=0, & u(L)=1 \\ \text{c.} & Q=0, & u(0)=1, & u_x(L)=\varphi \end{array}$$

$$=1, \qquad u(L)=0$$

b. 
$$Q = 0,$$
  $u_x(0) = 0,$ 

$$u_r(L) = \varphi$$

d. 
$$\frac{Q}{k} = x^2$$
,  $u(0) = 1$ ,  $u_x(L) = 0$ 

$$u(0) = 1.$$

$$u_x(L) = 0$$

e. 
$$Q = 0$$
,

$$u(0) = 1$$
,

e. 
$$Q = 0$$
,  $u(0) = 1$ ,  $u_x(L) + u(L) = 0$ 

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1. Since the temperature at both ends is zero (boundary conditions), the temperature of the rod will drop until it is zero everywhere.

2.

$$k u_{xx} + Q = 0$$
$$u(0.t) = 0$$
$$u(1,t) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{xx} = -\frac{Q}{k}$$

Integrate with respect to x

$$u_x = -\frac{Q}{k}x + A$$

Integrate again

$$u = -\frac{Q}{k}\frac{x^2}{2} + Ax + B$$

Using the first boundary condition u(0) = 0 we get B = 0. The other boundary condition will yield

$$-\frac{Q}{k}\frac{1}{2} + A = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{Q}{2k} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $u(x) = \left(1 + \frac{Q}{2k}\right)x - \frac{Q}{2k}x^2$ 

3. Follow class notes.

4.

$$r = \left(x^2 + y^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$r_x = \frac{1}{2}\left(x^2 + y^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\theta_x = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$r_y = \frac{1}{2}\left(x^2 + y^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\theta_y = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$u_x = u_r r_x + u_\theta \theta_x = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_r - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} u_\theta$$

$$u_y = u_r r_y + u_\theta \theta_y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_r + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} u_\theta$$

$$u_{xx} = \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right)_x u_r + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \left(u_r\right)_x - \left(\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}\right)_x u_\theta - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \left(u_\theta\right)_x$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x_{\frac{1}{2}}(x^2 + y^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x}{x^2 + y^2} u_r + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \left[\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_{rr} - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} u_{r\theta}\right]$$

$$-\frac{-2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} u_\theta - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \left[\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_{r\theta} - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} u_{\theta\theta}\right]$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} u_{rr} - \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} u_{r\theta} + \frac{y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} u_{\theta\theta} + \frac{y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} u_r + \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} u_\theta$$

$$u_{yy} = \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right)_y u_r + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \left(u_r\right)_y + \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}\right)_y u_\theta + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \left(u_\theta\right)_y$$

$$u_{yy} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - y_{\frac{1}{2}}(x^2 + y^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2y}{x^2 + y^2} u_{r\theta} + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \left[\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_{rr} + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} u_{r\theta}\right] + \frac{-2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} u_\theta + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \left[\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_{r\theta} + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}\right] u_{r\theta} + \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} u_{r\theta} + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \left[\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_{r\theta} + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}\right] u_{r\theta}$$

$$u_{yy} = \frac{y^2}{x^2 + y^2} u_{rr} + \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} \left[\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} u_{r\theta} + \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} u_r - \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}\right] u_{\theta}$$

$$u_{yy} = \frac{y^2}{x^2 + y^2} u_{rr} + \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} u_{r\theta} + \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} u_{r\theta} + \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} u_r - \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} u_{\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{xx} + u_{yy} = u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} + \frac{1}{r} u_r$$
$$u_t = k \left( u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} \right)$$

In the case u is independent of  $\theta$ :

$$u_t = k \left( u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r \right)$$

5. 
$$k u_{xx} + Q = 0$$

a. 
$$k u_{xx} = 0$$

Integrate twice with respect to x

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Use the boundary conditions

$$u(0) = 1$$
 implies  $B = 1$ 

$$u(L) = 0$$
 implies  $AL + B = 0$  that is  $A = -\frac{1}{L}$ 

Therefore

$$u(x) = -\frac{x}{L} + 1$$

b. 
$$k u_{xx} = 0$$

Integrate twice with respect to x as in the previous case

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Use the boundary conditions

$$u_x(0) = 0$$
 implies  $A = 0$ 

$$u(L) = 1$$
 implies  $AL + B = 1$  that is  $B = 1$ 

Therefore

$$u(x) = 1$$

c. 
$$k u_{xx} = 0$$

Integrate twice with respect to x as in the previous case

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Use the boundary conditions

$$u(0) = 1$$
 implies  $B = 1$ 

$$u_x(L) = \varphi$$
 implies  $A = \varphi$ 

Therefore

$$u(x) = \varphi x + 1$$

$$d. k u_{xx} + Q = 0$$

$$u_{xx} = -\frac{Q}{k} = -x^2$$

 $u_{xx} = -\frac{Q}{k} = -x^2$ Integrate with respect to x we get

$$u_x(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x^3 + A$$

Use the boundary condition

$$u_x(L) = 0$$
 implies  $-\frac{1}{3}L^3 + A = 0$  that is  $A = \frac{1}{3}L^3$ 

Integrating again with respect to x

$$u = -\frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{1}{3}L^3x + B$$

Use the second boundary condition

$$u(0) = 1$$
 implies  $B = 1$ 

Therefore

$$u(x) = -\frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{L^3}{3}x + 1$$

e. 
$$k u_{xx} = 0$$

Integrate twice with respect to x as in the previous case

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Use the boundary conditions

$$u(0) = 1$$
 implies  $B = 1$ 

$$u_x(L) + u(L) = 0$$
 implies  $A + (AL + 1) = 0$  that is  $A = -\frac{1}{L+1}$ 

Therefore

$$u(x) = -\frac{1}{L+1}x + 1$$

# 1.5 A Vibrating String

### **Problems**

1. Derive the telegraph equation

$$u_{tt} + au_t + bu = c^2 u_{xx}$$

by considering the vibration of a string under a damping force proportional to the velocity and a restoring force proportional to the displacement.

2. Use Kirchoff's law to show that the current and potential in a wire satisfy

$$i_x + C v_t + Gv = 0$$
  
$$v_x + L i_t + Ri = 0$$

where i = current, v = L = inductance potential, C = capacitance, G = leakage conductance, R = resistance,

b. Show how to get the one dimensional wave equations for i and v from the above.

- 1. Follow class notes.
- a, b are the proportionality constants for the forces mentioned in the problem.
- 2. a. Check any physics book on Kirchoff's law.
- b. Differentiate the first equation with respect to t and the second with respect to x

$$i_{xt} + C v_{tt} + G v_t = 0$$

$$v_{xx} + L i_{tx} + R i_x = 0$$

Solve the first for  $i_{xt}$  and substitute in the second

$$i_{xt} = -C v_{tt} - G v_t$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{xx} \, - \, CL \, v_{tt} \, - \, GL \, v_t \, + \, R \, i_x \, = \, 0$$

 $i_x$  can be solved for from the original first equation

$$i_x = -C v_t - G v$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{xx} - CL v_{tt} - GL v_t - RC v_t - RG v = 0$$

Or

$$v_{tt} + \left(\frac{G}{C} + \frac{R}{L}\right)v_t + \frac{RG}{CL}v = \frac{1}{CL}v_{xx}$$

which is the telegraph equation.

In a similar fashion, one can get the equation for i.

- 1.6 Boundary Conditions
- 1.7 Diffusion in Three Dimensions

### CHAPTER 2

## 2 Classification and Characteristics

- 2.1 Physical Classification
- 2.2 Classification of Linear Second Order PDEs

### **Problems**

1. Classify each of the following as hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic at every point (x, y) of the domain

a. 
$$x u_{xx} + u_{yy} = x^2$$
  
b.  $x^2 u_{xx} - 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = e^x$   
c.  $e^x u_{xx} + e^y u_{yy} = u$   
d.  $u_{xx} + u_{xy} - xu_{yy} = 0$  in the left half plane  $(x \le 0)$   
e.  $x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} + xy u_x + y^2 u_y = 0$   
f.  $u_{xx} + x u_{yy} = 0$  (Tricomi equation)

2. Classify each of the following constant coefficient equations

a. 
$$4u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + u_{yy} + u_x + u_y = 2$$
b. 
$$u_{xx} + u_{xy} + u_{yy} + u_x = 0$$
c. 
$$3u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} = 0$$
d. 
$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} + 4u_x + 5u_y + u = e^x$$
e. 
$$2u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + 3u = 0$$
f. 
$$u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + 4u_{yy} + 7u_y = \sin x$$

3. Use any symbolic manipulator (e.g. MACSYMA or MATHEMATICA) to prove (2.1.19). This means that a transformation does NOT change the type of the PDE.

1a. 
$$A = x$$
  $B = 0$   $C = 1$   $\Delta = -4x$ 

$$B = 0$$

$$C = 1$$

$$\Delta = -4x$$

hyperbolic for 
$$x < 0$$

for 
$$x <$$

parabolic 
$$x = 0$$

$$r = 0$$

elliptic 
$$x > 0$$

b. 
$$A = x^2$$
  $B = 2xy$   $C = y^2$   $\Delta = 0$  parabolic

$$B = 2xu$$

$$C = y^2$$

c. 
$$A = e^x$$

$$B = 0$$

$$C = e^y$$

c. 
$$A = e^x$$
  $B = 0$   $C = e^y$   $\Delta = -4e^x e^y$ 

elliptic

d. 
$$A = 1$$

$$B = 1$$

$$C = -x$$

d. 
$$A = 1$$
  $B = 1$   $C = -x$   $\Delta = 1 + 4x$ 

hyperbolic 
$$0 \ge x > -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\underline{\text{parabolic}} \qquad \qquad x = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$x < -\frac{1}{4}$$

e. 
$$A = x^2$$
  $B = 2xy$   $C = y^2$   $\Delta = 0$  parabolic

$$B = 2xy$$

$$C = y^2$$

$$\Delta = 0$$

f. 
$$A = 1$$

$$B = 0$$

$$C = x$$

f. 
$$A = 1$$
  $B = 0$   $C = x$   $\Delta = -4x$ 

hyperbolic 
$$x < 0$$

$$\underline{\text{parabolic}} \qquad x = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

- 2.
- A B C Discriminant
- a. 4 5 1 25 16 > 0 hyperbolic
- b. 1 1 1 1-4 < 0 elliptic
- c. 3 10 3 100 36 > 0 hyperbolic
- d. 1 2 3 4-12 < 0 elliptic
- e. 2 -4 2 16 16 = 0 parabolic
- f. 1 5 4 25 16 > 0 <u>hyperbolic</u>

3. We substitute for  $A^*$ ,  $B^*$ ,  $C^*$  given by (2.1.12)-(2.1.14) in  $\Delta^*$ .

$$\begin{split} \Delta^* &= (B^*)^2 - 4A^*C^* \\ &= \left[ 2A\xi_x\eta_x + B\left(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x\right) + 2C\xi_y\eta_y \right]^2 - \\ &\quad 4 \left[ A\xi_x^2 + B\xi_x\xi_y + C\xi_y^2 \right] \left[ A\eta_x^2 + B\eta_x\eta_y + C\eta_y^2 \right] \\ &= 4A^2\xi_x^2\eta_x^2 + 4A\xi_x\eta_x B\left(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x\right) + 8A\xi_x\eta_x C\xi_y\eta_y \\ &\quad + B^2\left(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x\right)^2 + 4B\left(\xi_x\eta_y + \xi_y\eta_x\right)C\xi_y\eta_y \\ &\quad + 4C^2\xi_y^2\eta_y^2 - 4A^2\xi_x^2\eta_x^2 - 4A\xi_x^2B\eta_x\eta_y - 4A\xi_x^2C\eta_y^2 \\ &\quad - 4B\xi_x\xi_yA\eta_x^2 - 4B^2\xi_x\xi_y\eta_x\eta_y - 4B\xi_x\xi_yC\eta_y^2 \\ &\quad - 4C\xi_y^2A\eta_x^2 - 4C\xi_y^2B\eta_x\eta_y - 4C^2\xi_y^2\eta_y^2. \end{split}$$

Collect terms to find

$$\Delta^* = 4AB\xi_x^2\eta_x\eta_y + 4AB\xi_x\xi_y\eta_x^2 + 8AC\xi_x\xi_y\eta_x\eta_y + B^2(\xi_x^2\eta_y^2 + 2\xi_x\xi_y\eta_x\eta_y + \xi_y^2\eta_x^2) + 4BC\xi_x\xi_y\eta_y^2 + 4BC\eta_x\eta_y\xi_y^2 - 4AB\xi_x^2\eta_x\eta_y - 4AC\xi_x^2\eta_y^2 - 4AB\xi_x\xi_y\eta_x^2 - 4B^2\xi_x\xi_y\eta_x\eta_y - 4BC\xi_x\xi_y\eta_y^2 - 4AC\xi_y^2\eta_x^2 - 4BC\xi_y^2\eta_x\eta_y$$

$$\Delta^* = -4AC \left( \xi_x^2 \eta_y^2 - 2\xi_x \xi_y \eta_x \eta_y + \xi_y^2 \eta_x^2 \right) + B^2 \left( \xi_x^2 \eta_y^2 - 2\xi_x \xi_y \eta_x \eta_y + \xi_y^2 \eta_x^2 \right) = J^2 \Delta,$$

since  $J = (\xi_x \eta_y - \xi_y \eta_x)$ .

#### **Canonical Forms** 2.3

### **Problems**

- 1. Find the characteristic equation, characteristic curves and obtain a canonical form for each
  - a.  $x u_{xx} + u_{yy} = x^2$ b.  $u_{xx} + u_{xy} xu_{yy} = 0$   $(x \le 0, \text{ all } y)$ c.  $x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} + xy u_x + y^2 u_y = 0$ d.  $u_{xx} + xu_{yy} = 0$ e.  $u_{xx} + y^2u_{yy} = y$ f.  $\sin^2 x u_{xx} + \sin 2x u_{xy} + \cos^2 x u_{yy} = x$
- 2. Use Maple to plot the families of characteristic curves for each of the above.

1a. 
$$xu_{xx} + u_{yy} = x^2$$

$$A = x \qquad B = 0 \qquad C = 1 \qquad \Delta = B^2 - 4AC = -4x$$
If  $x > 0$  then  $\Delta < 0$  elliptic
$$= 0 \qquad = 0 \text{ parabolic}$$

$$< 0 \qquad > 0 \text{ hyperbolic}$$

characteristic equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{-4x}}{2x} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{-x}}{x}$$

## Suppose x < 0 (hyperbolic)

Let z = -x (then z > 0). This is done so as not to get confused by the negative sign under the radical.

then dz = -dx

and

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = -\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\pm\sqrt{z}}{-z} = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}$$

$$dy = \pm \frac{dz}{z^{1/2}}$$

$$y = \pm 2\sqrt{z} + c$$

$$y \mp 2\sqrt{z} = c$$

characteristic curves:  $y \mp 2\sqrt{z} = c$ 2 families as expected.

Transformation:  $\xi = y - 2\sqrt{z}$ 

$$\eta = y + 2\sqrt{z}$$

We now substitute in the equations for the starred coefficients (see the summary). To this end we list all the necessary derivatives of  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_x &= \xi_z \ z_x = -\xi_z \\ \xi_{xx} &= (\xi_x)_x = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right)_x = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right)_z \ z_x = -\left(-\frac{1}{2}z^{-3/2}\right) = \frac{1}{2z^{3/2}} \\ \eta_x &= \eta_z \ z_x = -\eta_z \\ \eta_{xx} &= (\eta_x)_x = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right)_x = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}\right)_z \ z_x = -\left(\frac{1}{2}z^{-3/2}\right) = \frac{-1}{2z^{3/2}} \\ \eta_{xy} &= 0 \quad \eta_{yy} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\xi_z = -2\left(\frac{1}{2}z^{-1/2}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}$$

$$\eta_z = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}z^{-1/2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}$$

Therefore

$$\xi_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}$$
  $\xi_y = 1$   $\xi_{xx} = \frac{1}{2z^{3/2}}$   $\xi_{xy} = 0$   $\xi_{yy} = 0$ 

$$\eta_x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \quad \eta_y = 1 \quad \eta_{xx} = \frac{-1}{2z^3/2} \quad \eta_{xy} = 0 \quad \eta_{yy} = 0$$

Since the problem is Hyperbolic, we know that  $A^* = C^* = 0$ ,

$$B^* = 2x(\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}})(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}) + 0 + 2 \cdot 1^2 = \frac{2z}{\sqrt{z}^2} + 1 = 2 + 2 = 4$$

$$D^* = x\frac{1}{2z^{3/2}} + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = -\frac{z}{2z^{3/2}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}$$

$$E^* = x(-\frac{1}{2z^{3/2}}) + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = \frac{z}{2z^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = x^2 = (-z)^2 = z^2$$

The equation is then

$$4u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}u_{\xi} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}u_{\eta} = z^2$$

The last step is to get rid of z

$$\xi - \eta = -4\sqrt{z}$$
 (using the transformation)

$$\sqrt{z} = \frac{\eta - \xi}{4} \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{z} = \frac{\eta - \xi}{2} \; ; \; z = \left(\frac{\eta - \xi}{4}\right)^2$$

$$4u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{2}{\eta - \xi}u_{\xi} + \frac{2}{\eta - \xi}u_{\eta} = \left(\frac{\eta - \xi}{4}\right)^{4}$$

For the elliptic case x > 0

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\pm i}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$dy = \pm i \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y = \pm i 2\sqrt{x} + c$$

$$\xi = y - 2i\sqrt{x}$$

$$\eta = y + 2i\sqrt{x}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) = y$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2i}(\xi - \eta) = -2\sqrt{x}$$

Now we find the derivatives of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ 

$$\alpha_x = 0$$
;  $\alpha_y = 1$ ;  $\alpha_{xx} = \alpha_{xy} = \alpha_{yy} = 0$   
 $\beta_x = -2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} = -x^{-1/2}$ ;  $\beta_y = 0$ ;  $\beta_{xx} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2}$ ;  $\beta_{xy} = \beta_{yy} = 0$ 

For the elliptic case,  $B^* = 0$  and  $A^* = C^*$ , therefore when using the atarred equations (summary) we have

$$A^* = C^* = 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$D^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$E^* = x(\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}) + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = x$$

and the equation

$$u_{\beta\beta} + u_{\alpha\alpha} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}u_{\beta} = x^2$$

Now substitute for x

$$u_{\beta\beta} + u_{\alpha\alpha} - \frac{1}{\beta}u_{\beta} = \left(-\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^4$$

$$u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta} u_{\beta} + \frac{1}{16} \beta^4$$

For the parabolic case  $\underline{x=0}$  the equation becomes:

$$0 \cdot u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

or 
$$u_{yy} = 0$$

which is already in a canonical form

This parabolic case can be solved. Integrate with respect to y holding x fixed (the constant of integration may depend on x)

$$u_y = f(x)$$

Integrate again:

$$u(x, y) = y f(x) + g(x)$$

1b. 
$$u_{xx} + u_{xy} - x u_{yy} = 0$$

$$A = 1 \qquad B = 1 \qquad C = -x$$

$$\Delta = 1 + 4x \qquad > 0 \qquad \text{if } x > -\frac{1}{4} \quad \text{hyperbolic}$$

$$= 0 \qquad \qquad = -\frac{1}{4} \quad \text{parabolic}$$

$$< 0 \qquad < -\frac{1}{4} \quad \text{elliptic}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2}$$

Consider the hyperbolic case:

$$2dy = (1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4x}) dx$$

Integrate to get characteristics

$$2y = x \pm \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} (1 + 4x)^{3/2} + c$$

$$2y - x \mp \frac{1}{6} (1 + 4x)^{3/2} = c$$

$$\xi = 2y - x - \frac{1}{6} (1 + 4x)^{3/2}$$

$$\eta = 2y - x + \frac{1}{6} (1 + 4x)^{3/2}$$

$$\xi_x = -1 - \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot 4 (1 + 4x)^{1/2} = -1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x}$$

$$\xi_{xx} = -\frac{1}{2} (1 + 4x)^{-1/2} \cdot 4 = -2 (1 + 4x)^{-1/2}$$

$$\xi_y = 2 \qquad \xi_{yy} = 0 \qquad \xi_{xy} = 0$$

$$\eta_x = -1 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot 4 (1 + 4x)^{1/2} = -1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}$$

$$\eta_{xx} = +2 (1 + 4x)^{-1/2}$$

$$\eta_y = 2 \qquad \eta_{xy} = 0 \qquad \eta_{yy} = 0$$

Now we can compute the new coefficients or compute each of the derivative in the equation. We chose the former.

$$A^* = C^* = 0$$

$$B^* = 2(1)(-1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x})(-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}) + 1[2(-1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x}) + 2(-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}) + 2(-x) \cdot 2 \cdot 2]$$

$$B^* = -8x - 4 - 8x = -4 - 16x$$

$$D^* = -2(1 + 4x)^{-1/2} + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = -2(1 + 4x)^{-1/2}$$

$$E^* = 2(1 + 4x)^{-1/2} + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 2(1 + 4x)^{-1/2}$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = 0$$

$$-4(1+4x)u_{\xi\eta} - 2(1+4x)^{-1/2}(u_{\xi} - u_{\eta}) = 0$$
$$u_{\xi\eta} + \frac{1}{2}(1+4x)^{-3/2}(u_{\xi} - u_{\eta}) = 0$$

Now find  $(1 + 4x)^{-3/2}$  in terms of  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$  and substitute

$$\xi - \eta = -\frac{1}{3} (1 + 4x)^{3/2}$$

$$3(\eta - \xi) = (1 + 4x)^{3/2}$$

$$(1 + 4x)^{-3/2} = [3(\eta - \xi)]^{-1}$$

$$u_{\xi \eta} = -\frac{1}{2[3(\eta - \xi)]} (u_{\xi} - u_{\eta})$$

$$u_{\xi \eta} = \frac{1}{6(\eta - \xi)} (u_{\eta} - u_{\xi})$$

The parabolic case is easier, the only characteristic is

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + K$$

and so the transformation is

$$\xi = y - \frac{1}{2}x$$
$$\eta = x$$

The last equation is an arbitrary function and one should check the Jacobian. The details are left to the reader. One can easily show that

$$A^* = B^* = 0$$

Also

$$C^* = 1$$

and the rest of the coefficients are zero. Therefore the equation is

$$u_{\eta\eta} = 0$$

In the elliptic case, one can use the transformation z = -(1+4x) so that the characteristic equation becomes

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{z}}{2}$$

or if we eliminate the x dependence

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{dy}{dx}\frac{dx}{dz} = -\frac{1}{4}\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{z}}{2}$$

Now integrate, and take the real and imaginary part to be the functions  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ . The rest is left for the reader.

1c. 
$$x^{2} u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^{2} u_{yy} + xy u_{x} + y^{2} u_{y} = 0$$

$$A = x^{2} \qquad B = 2xy \qquad C = y^{2}$$

$$\Delta = 4x^{2} y^{2} - 4x^{2} y^{2} = 0 \quad \underline{\text{parabolic}}$$

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

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

$$\xi = \ln y - \ln x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \xi = \ln \left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \Rightarrow e^{\xi} = \frac{y}{x}$$

 $\eta = x$  arbitrarily chosen since this is parabolic

$$\xi_x = \frac{-1}{x}$$
  $\xi_y = \frac{1}{y}$   $\xi_{xx} = \frac{1}{x^2}$   $\xi_{xy} = 0$   $\xi_{yy} = -\frac{1}{y^2}$ 
 $\eta_x = 1$   $\eta_y = \eta_{xx} = \eta_{xy} = \eta_{yy} = 0$ 

$$A^* = B^* = 0 \quad \text{parabolic}$$
 
$$C^* = x^2 \cdot 1 + 2xy \cdot 0 + y^2 \cdot 0 = x^2$$
 
$$D^* = x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 2xy \cdot 0 + y^2 \left(-\frac{1}{y^2}\right) + xy \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) + y^2 \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = 1 - 1 - y + y = 0$$
 
$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + xy \cdot 1 + 0 = xy$$
 
$$F^* = 0$$
 
$$G^* = 0$$

$$x^{2} u_{\eta \eta} + xy u_{\eta} = 0$$

$$u_{\eta \eta} = -e^{\xi} u_{\eta} \qquad y = e^{\xi} x \quad \text{therefore } y/x = e^{\xi}$$

This equation can be solved.

$$1d. \quad u_{xx} + x u_{yy} = 0$$

$$A=1$$
  $B=0$   $C=x$  
$$\Delta=-4x$$
  $>0$  if  $x<0$  hyperbolic 
$$=0$$
  $x=0$  parabolic 
$$<0$$
  $x>0$  elliptic

<u>Parabolic</u> x = 0  $\Rightarrow$   $u_{xx} = 0$  already in canonical form

$$\underline{\text{Hyperbolic}} \qquad x < 0 \qquad \text{Let} \qquad \zeta = -x$$

$$\Delta = 4\zeta > 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{\zeta}}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\zeta}$$
 Note:  $dx = -d\zeta$ 

$$dy = \pm \sqrt{\zeta} \left( -d\zeta \right)$$

$$y \pm \frac{2}{3} \zeta^{3/2} = c$$

$$\xi = y + \frac{2}{3}\zeta^{3/2}$$

$$\eta = y - \frac{2}{3}\zeta^{3/2}$$

Continue as in example in class (See 1a)

1e. 
$$u_{xx} + y^2 u_{yy} = y$$

$$A = 1$$

$$B = 0$$

$$B = 0 C = y^2$$

$$\Delta = -4y^2 < 0$$
 elliptic if  $y \neq 0$ 

For y = 0 the equation is <u>parabolic</u> and it is in canonical form  $u_{xx} = 0$ 

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{-4y^2}}{2} = \pm iy$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \pm idx$$

$$ln y = \pm ix + c$$

$$\xi = \ln y + ix$$

$$\eta = \ln y - ix$$

$$\alpha = \ln u$$

$$\alpha_x = 0$$

$$\alpha_y = \frac{1}{y}$$
  $\alpha_{xx} =$ 

$$\alpha = \ln y$$
  $\qquad \qquad \alpha_x = 0 \qquad \qquad \alpha_y = \frac{1}{y} \qquad \alpha_{xx} = \alpha_{xy} = 0 \qquad \alpha_{yy} = -\frac{1}{y^2}$ 

$$\beta = x$$

$$\beta_x = 1$$

$$\beta = x$$
  $\beta_x = 1$   $\beta_y = 0$   $\beta_{xx} = \beta_{xy} = \beta_{yy} = 0$ 

$$A^* = C^* = 0 + 0 + y^2 \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^2 = 1$$
  
 $B^* = 0$ 

$$D^* = y^2 \left( -\frac{1}{y^2} \right) = -1$$

$$E^*=0$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = 0$$

$$u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} - u_{\alpha} = y$$

But 
$$y = e^{\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} - u_{\alpha} = e^{\alpha}$$

1f. 
$$\sin^2 x \, u_{xx} + \sin 2x \, u_{xy} + \cos^2 x \, u_{yy} = x$$

$$A = \sin^2 x \qquad \qquad B = \sin 2x = 2\sin x \cos x \qquad \qquad C = \cos^2 x$$

$$\Delta = 0$$
 parabolic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2\sin x \cos x}{2\sin^2 x} = \cot x$$

$$y = \ln \sin x + c$$

$$\xi = y - \ln \sin x \quad \xi_x = -\cot x \quad \xi_y = 1 \quad \xi_{xx} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \quad \xi_{xy} = 0 \quad \xi_{yy} = 0$$
  
 $\eta = y \qquad \qquad \eta_x = 0 \qquad \qquad \eta_y = 1 \quad \eta_{xx} = 0 \qquad \qquad \eta_{xy} = 0 \quad \eta_{yy} = 0$ 

$$A^* = B^* = 0$$

$$C^* = 0 + 0 + \cos^2 x \cdot 1 = \cos^2 x$$

$$D^* = \sin^2 x \left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}\right) + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 1$$

$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = x$$

Therefore the equation becomes:

$$\cos^2 x \, u_{\eta\eta} + u_{\xi} = x$$

$$\ln \sin x = y - \xi = \eta - \xi$$

$$\sin x = e^{\eta - \xi} \implies \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x = 1 - e^{2(\eta - \xi)}$$

$$x = \arcsin e^{\eta - \xi}$$

$$[1 - e^{2(\eta - \xi)}] u_{\eta \eta} + u_{\xi} = \arcsin e^{\eta - \xi}$$

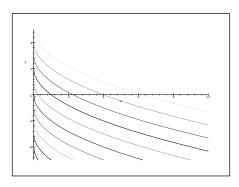


Figure 1: Maple plot of characteristics for 2.2 2a

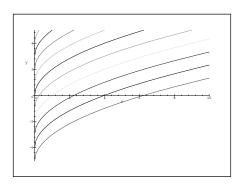


Figure 2: Maple plot of characteristics for 2.2 2a

2b. 
$$y = \frac{1}{2}x \pm \frac{1}{12}(1+4x)^{3/2} + c$$

$$1 + 4x \ge 0$$

$$4\,x\,\geq\,-1$$

$$x \ge -.25$$

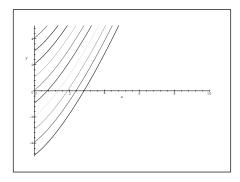


Figure 3: Maple plot of characteristics for 2.2 2b

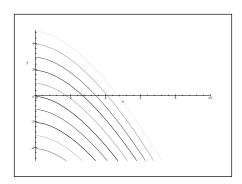


Figure 4: Maple plot of characteristics for 2.2 2b

2c. 
$$\ln \frac{y}{x} = c$$
 parabolic  $\ln y = xe^c = kx$ 

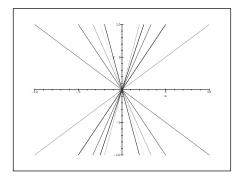


Figure 5: Maple plot of characteristics for  $2.2\ 2c$ 

2d. 
$$y \pm \frac{2}{3}z^{3/2} = c$$

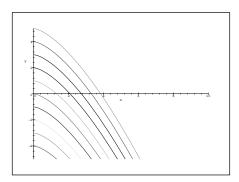


Figure 6: Maple plot of characteristics for 2.2 2d

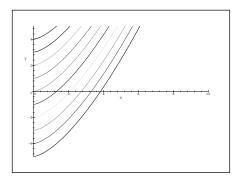


Figure 7: Maple plot of characteristics for 2.2 2d

2e. elliptic. no real characteristic

 $2f. \quad y = \ln \sin x + c$ 

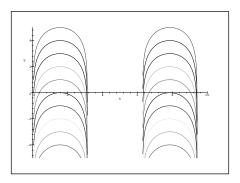


Figure 8: Maple plot of characteristics for 2.2 2f

#### **Equations with Constant Coefficients** 2.4

### **Problems**

- 1. Find the characteristic equation, characteristic curves and obtain a canonical form for
  - a.  $4u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + u_{yy} + u_x + u_y = 2$
  - b.  $u_{xx} + u_{xy} + u_{yy} + u_x = 0$

  - c.  $3u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} = x + 1$ d.  $u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} + 4u_x + 5u_y + u = e^x$
  - e.  $2u_{xx} 4u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + 3u = 0$
  - f.  $u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + 4u_{yy} + 7u_y = \sin x$
- 2. Use Maple to plot the families of characteristic curves for each of the above.

1a. 
$$4u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + u_{yy} + u_x + u_y = 2$$

$$A = 4 \qquad B = 5 \qquad C = 1$$

$$\Delta = 5^{2} - 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 = 25 - 16 = 9 > 0 \qquad \underline{\text{hyperbolic}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{9}}{2 \cdot 4} = \frac{5 \pm 3}{8} \stackrel{1/4}{\checkmark} 1$$

$$dy = dx \qquad dy = \frac{1}{4} dx$$

$$y = x + c \qquad y = \frac{1}{4} x + c$$

$$\xi = y - x \qquad \eta = y - \frac{1}{4} x$$

$$\xi_{x} = -1 \quad \xi_{y} = 1 \quad \xi_{xx} = 0 \quad \xi_{xy} = 0 \quad \xi_{yy} = 0$$

$$\eta_{x} = -\frac{1}{4} \quad \eta_{y} = 1 \quad \eta_{xx} = 0 \quad \eta_{xy} = 0$$

$$A^{*} = C^{*} = 0$$

$$B^{*} = 2 \cdot 4(-1)(-\frac{1}{4}) + 5(-1 \cdot 1 + 1(-\frac{1}{4})) + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = -\frac{9}{4}$$

$$D^{*} = 0 + 0 + 0 + 1(-1) + 1 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$E^{*} = 0 + 0 + 0 + 1(-\frac{1}{4}) + 1 \cdot 1 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$F^{*} = 0$$

$$G^{*} = 2$$

$$-\frac{9}{4}u_{\xi\eta} + \frac{3}{4}u_{\eta} = 2$$

$$u_{\xi\eta} = \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta} - \frac{8}{9}$$

This equation can be solved as follows:

Let 
$$\nu = u_{\eta}$$
 then  $u_{\xi\eta} = \nu_{\xi}$   
 $\nu_{\xi} = \frac{1}{3}\nu - \frac{8}{9}$ 

This is Linear  $1^{st}$  order ODE

$$\nu' - \frac{1}{3}\nu = -\frac{8}{9}$$

Integrating factor is  $e^{-\frac{1}{3}\xi}$ 

$$(\nu e^{-\frac{1}{3}\xi})' = -\frac{8}{9}e^{-\frac{1}{3}\xi}$$

$$\nu e^{-\frac{1}{3}\xi} = -\frac{8}{9}\int e^{-\frac{1}{3}\xi} d\xi = \frac{8}{3}e^{-\frac{1}{3}\xi} + C(\eta)$$

$$\nu = \frac{8}{3} + C(\eta)e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi}$$

To find u we integrate with respect to  $\eta$ 

$$u_{\eta} = \frac{8}{3} + C(\eta) e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi}$$

$$u = \frac{8}{3}\eta + e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi} \underbrace{c_1(\eta)}_{\text{integral of } C(\eta)} + K(\xi)$$

To check the solution, we differentiate it and substitute in the canonical form:

$$u_{\xi} = 0 + \frac{1}{3} e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi} c_{1}(\eta) + K'(\xi)$$

$$u_{\xi\eta} = \frac{1}{3} e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi} c'_{1}(\eta)$$

$$u_{\eta} = \frac{8}{3} + e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi} c'_{1}(\eta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} u_{\eta} = \frac{8}{9} + \frac{1}{3} e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi} c'_{1}(\eta)$$

Substitute in the PDE in canonical form

$$\frac{1}{3} e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi} c_1'(\xi) \, = \, \frac{8}{9} \, + \, \frac{1}{3} e^{\frac{1}{3}\xi} \, c_1'(\eta) \, - \, \frac{8}{9}$$

Identity

In terms of original variables 
$$u(x, y) = \frac{8}{3} \left( y - \frac{1}{4} x \right) + e^{\frac{1}{3} (y-x)} c_1 \left( y - \frac{1}{4} x \right) + K \left( y - x \right)$$

1b. 
$$u_{xx} + u_{xy} + u_{yy} + u_x = 0$$

$$A=1$$
  $B=1$   $C=1$   $\Delta=1-4=-3<0$  elliptic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

$$2dy = (1 \pm \sqrt{3}i) \, dx$$

$$\xi = 2y - (1 + \sqrt{3}i)x$$
  $\eta = 2y - (1 - \sqrt{3}i)x$ 

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) = 2y - x$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2i} (\xi - \eta) = -\sqrt{3}x$$

$$\alpha_x = -1$$
  $\alpha_y = 2$   $\alpha_{xx} = 0$   $\alpha_{xy} = 0$   $\alpha_{yy} = 0$ 

$$\alpha_{xy} = 0$$
  $\alpha_{xy} = 0$ 

$$\alpha_{uu} = 0$$

$$\beta_x = -\sqrt{3} \qquad \beta_y = 0 \qquad \beta_{xx} = 0 \qquad \beta_{xy} = 0$$

$$\beta_y = 0$$

$$\beta_{xx} = 0$$

$$\beta_{xy} = 0$$

$$\beta_{yy} = 0$$

$$A^* = C^* = 1(-1)^2 + 1(-1)^2 + 1(2)^2 = 1 - 2 + 4 = 3$$

$$B^* = 0$$

$$D^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 1(-1) + 0 = -1$$

$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 1(-\sqrt{3}) + 0 = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = 0$$

$$3u_{\alpha\alpha} + 3u_{\beta\beta} - u_{\alpha} - \sqrt{3}u_{\beta} = 0$$

$$u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1}{3}u_{\alpha} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}u_{\beta}$$

1c. 
$$3u_{xx} + 10u_{xu} + 3u_{yy} = x + 1$$

$$A = C = 3$$
  $B = 10$   $\Delta = 100 - 36 = 64 > 0$  hyperbolic 
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{10 \pm 8}{6} \stackrel{7}{\searrow} \frac{3}{1/3}$$

$$\xi = y - 3x \qquad \eta = y - \frac{1}{3}x$$

$$\xi_x = -3$$
  $\xi_y = 1$   $\xi_{xx} = 0$   $\xi_{xy} = 0$   $\xi_{yy} = 0$ 

$$\eta_x = -\frac{1}{3} \qquad \eta_y = 1 \qquad \eta_{xx} = 0 \qquad \eta_{xy} = 0 \qquad \eta_{yy} = 0$$

$$A^* = C^* = 0$$

$$B^* = 2 \cdot 3(-3)(-\frac{1}{3}) + 10(-3 - \frac{1}{3}) + 2 \cdot 3(1)(1) = 6 - \frac{100}{3} + 6 = -\frac{64}{3}$$

$$D^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = x + 1$$

$$-\frac{64}{3}u_{\xi\eta} = x + 1$$

$$\begin{cases} \xi = y - 3x \\ \eta = y - \frac{1}{3}x \end{cases} - \frac{1}{\xi - \eta} = -\frac{8}{3}x$$
$$x = \frac{3}{8}(\eta - \xi)$$

$$-\,\frac{64}{3}\,u_{\xi\,\eta}\,=\,\frac{3}{8}(\eta\,-\,\xi)\,+\,1$$

$$u_{\xi\eta} = -\frac{9}{512} (\eta - \xi) - \frac{3}{64}$$

To Find the general solution!

$$\begin{split} u_{\xi\eta} &= -\frac{9}{512} (\eta - \xi) - \frac{3}{64} \\ u_{\xi} &= -\frac{9}{512} (\frac{1}{2} \eta^2 - \eta \xi) - \frac{3}{64} \eta + f(\xi) \\ u &= -\frac{9}{512} (\frac{1}{2} \eta^2 \xi - \frac{1}{2} \xi^2 \eta) - \frac{3}{64} \eta \xi + F(\xi) + G(\eta) \\ &= \frac{9}{512} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \eta \xi (\xi - \eta) - \frac{3}{64} \eta \xi + F(\xi) + G(\eta) \\ u(x, y) &= \frac{9}{1024} \left( y - \frac{1}{3} x \right) (y - 3x) \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{3} x - 3x \right)}_{-\frac{8}{3} x} - \frac{3}{64} \left( y - \frac{1}{3} x \right) (y - 3x) \\ &+ F(y - 3x) + G(y - \frac{1}{3} x) \\ &= \frac{9}{1024} \cdot \frac{-8}{3} x \left( y - \frac{1}{3} x \right) (y - 3x) - \frac{3}{64} \left( y - \frac{1}{3} x \right) (y - 3x) + F(y - 3x) \\ &+ G(y - \frac{1}{3} x) \end{split}$$

$$u(x,y) = \left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right)(y - \frac{1}{3}x)(y - 3x) + F(y - 3x) + G\left(y - \frac{1}{3}x\right)$$

check!

$$u_{x} = -\frac{3}{128}(y - \frac{1}{3}x)(y - 3x) + (-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64})(-\frac{1}{3})(y - 3x)$$

$$+ \left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right)\left(y - \frac{1}{3}x\right)(-3) - 3F'(y - 3x) - \frac{1}{3}G'\left(y - \frac{1}{3}x\right)$$

$$u_{y} = \left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right)(y - 3x) + \left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right)\left(y - \frac{1}{3}x\right) + F'(y - 3x) + G'\left(y - \frac{1}{3}x\right)$$

$$u_{xx} = -\frac{3}{128}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)(y - 3x) + \frac{9}{128}(y - \frac{1}{3}x) + (-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}) - \frac{1}{3}(-\frac{3}{128})(y - 3x)$$

$$-3\left(-\frac{3}{128}\right)\left(y - \frac{1}{3}x\right) - 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right) + 9F'' + \frac{1}{9}G''$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{64}(y - 3x) + \frac{9}{64}(y - \frac{1}{3}x) + 2\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right) + 9F''(y - 3x) + \frac{1}{9}G''(y - \frac{1}{3}x)$$

$$u_{xy} = -\frac{3}{128}(y - 3x) - 3\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right) - \frac{3}{128}(y - \frac{1}{3}x) - \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right)$$

$$-3F''(y - 3x) - \frac{1}{3}G''(y - \frac{1}{3}x)$$

$$u_{yy} = -\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64} - \frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64} + F''(y - 3x) + G''\left(y - \frac{1}{3}x\right)$$

$$3u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} = \frac{3}{64}(y - 3x) + \frac{27}{64}(y - \frac{1}{3}x) + 6\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right) + 27F'' + \frac{1}{3}G''$$

$$-\frac{30}{128}(y - 3x) - \frac{15}{64}(y - \frac{1}{3}x) - \frac{100}{3}\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right) - 30F'' - \frac{10}{3}G''$$

$$+6\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right) + 3F'' + 3G''$$

$$= -\frac{12}{64}(y - 3x) + \frac{12}{64}(y - \frac{1}{3}x) - \frac{64}{3}\left(-\frac{3}{128}x - \frac{3}{64}\right)$$

$$= \frac{9}{16}x - \frac{1}{16}x + \frac{1}{2}x + 1 = x + 1$$

checks

1d. 
$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} + 4u_x + 5u_y + u = e^x$$

$$A = 1$$
  $B = 2$   $C = 3$   $\Delta = 4 - 12 = -8 < 0$  elliptic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-8}}{2} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{2}$$

$$y = (1 \pm i\sqrt{2})x + C$$

$$\xi = y - (1 + i\sqrt{2})x$$

$$\eta = y - (1 - i\sqrt{2})x$$

$$\alpha = y - x$$

$$\beta = -\sqrt{2}x \qquad \Rightarrow x = -\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\alpha_r = -1$$

$$\alpha_u = 1$$

$$\alpha_x = -1$$
  $\alpha_y = 1$   $\alpha_{xx} = \alpha_{xy} = \alpha_{yy} = 0$ 

$$\beta_r = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\beta_y = 0$$

$$\beta_x = -\sqrt{2} \qquad \beta_y = 0 \qquad \beta_{xx} = \beta_{xy} = \beta_{yy} = 0$$

$$A^* = C^* = 1(-1)^2 + 2(-1)1 + 3(1)^2 = 1 - 2 + 3 = 2$$

$$B^* = 0$$

$$D^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 4(-1) + 5(1) = 1$$

$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 4(-\sqrt{2}) + 0 = -4\sqrt{2}$$

$$F^* = 1$$

$$G^* = e^x$$

$$2u_{\alpha\alpha} + 2u_{\beta\beta} + u_{\alpha} - 4\sqrt{2}u_{\beta} + u = e^x$$

$$u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} = -\frac{1}{2}u_{\alpha} + 2\sqrt{2}u_{\beta} - \frac{1}{2}u + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\beta/\sqrt{2}}$$

1e. 
$$2u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + 3u = 0$$

$$A = C = 2$$
  $B = -4$   $\Delta = 16 - 16 = 0$  parabolic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-4 \pm 0}{4} = -1$$

$$dy = -dx$$

$$\begin{cases} \xi = y + x & \xi_x = 1 & \xi_y = 1 & \xi_{xx} = \xi_{xy} = \xi_{yy} = 0 \\ \eta = x & \eta_x = 1 & \eta_y = 0 & \eta_{xx} = \eta_{xy} = \eta_{yy} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$A^* = 0$$

$$B^* = 0$$

$$C^* = 2 - 4 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 = 2$$

$$D^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$F^* = 3$$

$$G^* = 0$$

$$2u_{\eta\eta} + 3u = 0$$

$$u_{\eta\eta} = -\frac{3}{2}u$$

1f. 
$$u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + 4u_{yy} + 7u_y = \sin x$$

$$A = 1$$
  $B = 5$   $C = 4$   $\Delta = 25 - 16 = 9 > 0$  hyperbolic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5 \pm 3}{2} \stackrel{\checkmark}{\searrow} 1$$

$$\begin{cases} \xi = y - 4x & \xi_x = -4 & \xi_y = 1 & \xi_{xx} = \xi_{xy} = \xi_{yy} = 0 \\ \eta = y - x & \eta_x = -1 & \eta_y = 1 & \eta_{xx} = \eta_{xy} = \eta_{yy} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$A^* = C^* = 0$$

$$B^* = 2(1)(-4)(-1) + 5((-4)(1) + 1(-1)) + 2(4)(1)(1) = 8 - 25 + 8 = -9$$

$$D^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 7(1) = 7$$

$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 7(1) = 7$$

$$F^* = 0$$

$$G^* = \sin x$$

$$-9 u_{\xi \eta} + 7(u_{\xi} + u_{\eta}) = \sin x$$

$$u_{\xi \eta} = \frac{7}{9} (u_{\xi} + u_{\eta}) - \frac{1}{9} \sin x$$

$$\xi - \eta = -3x$$

$$x = \frac{\eta - \xi}{3}$$

$$u_{\xi \eta} = \frac{7}{9} \left( u_{\xi} + u_{\eta} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \sin \left( \frac{\eta - \xi}{3} \right)$$

2a. 
$$y = x + c$$
$$y = \frac{1}{4}x + c$$

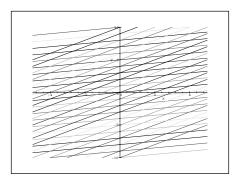


Figure 9: Maple plot of characteristics for  $2.3\ 2a$ 

2b. elliptic . no real characteristics

$$2c. \quad y = 3x + c$$
$$y = \frac{1}{3}x + c$$

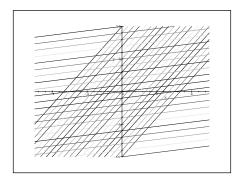


Figure 10: Maple plot of characteristics for  $2.3\ 2c$ 

2d. elliptic . no real characteristics

2e. 
$$y = x + c$$
 see 2a

2f. 
$$y = 4x + c$$
  $y = x + c \rightarrow$  (see 2a)

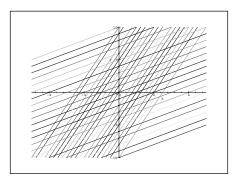


Figure 11: Maple plot of characteristics for  $2.3\ 2f$ 

#### Linear Systems 2.5

#### General Solution 2.6

## **Problems**

1. Determine the general solution of

a. 
$$u_{xx} - \frac{1}{c^2}u_{yy} = 0$$
  $c = \text{constant}$   
b.  $u_{xx} - 3u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} = 0$ 

b. 
$$u_{xx} - 3u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} = 0$$

$$c. \quad u_{xx} + u_{xy} = 0$$

$$d. \quad u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = y$$

2. Transform the following equations to

$$U_{\xi\eta} = cU$$

by introducing the new variables

$$U = ue^{-(\alpha \xi + \beta \eta)}$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  to be determined

a. 
$$u_{xx} - u_{yy} + 3u_x - 2u_y + u = 0$$

a. 
$$u_{xx} - u_{yy} + 3u_x - 2u_y + u = 0$$
  
b.  $3u_{xx} + 7u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + u_y + u = 0$ 

(Hint: First obtain a canonical form)

3. Show that

$$u_{xx} = au_t + bu_x - \frac{b^2}{4}u + d$$

is parabolic for a, b, d constants. Show that the substitution

$$u(x,t) = v(x,t)e^{\frac{b}{2}x}$$

transforms the equation to

$$v_{xx} = av_t + de^{-\frac{b}{2}x}$$

1a. 
$$u_{xx} - \frac{1}{c^2} u_{yy} = 0$$

$$A=1$$
  $B=0$   $C=-\frac{1}{c^2}$   $\Delta=\frac{4}{c^2}>0$  hyperbolic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\pm \frac{2}{c}}{2} = \pm \frac{1}{c}$$

$$y = \pm \frac{1}{c}x + K$$

$$\xi = y + \frac{1}{c}x$$

$$\eta = y - \frac{1}{c}x$$

Canonical form:

$$u_{\xi\,\eta}\,=\,0$$

The solution is:

$$u = f(\xi) + g(\eta)$$

Substitute for  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  to get the solution in the original domain:

$$u(x, y) = f(y + \frac{1}{c}x) + g(y - \frac{1}{c}x)$$

1b. 
$$u_{xx} - 3u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} = 0$$

$$A=1$$
  $B=-3$   $C=2$   $\Delta=9-8=1$  hyperbolic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3 \pm 1}{2} \stackrel{-2}{\checkmark} -1$$

$$y = -2x + K_1$$

$$y = -x + K_2$$

$$\xi = y + 2x \qquad \xi_x = 2 \qquad \xi_y = 1$$

$$\eta = y + x \qquad \eta_x = 1 \qquad \eta_y = 1$$

$$u_x = 2u_\xi + u_\eta$$

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

$$u_{xx} = 2 \left( 2u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\xi\eta} \right) + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{xx} = 4u_{\xi\xi} + 4u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xy} = 2(u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\xi\eta}) + u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta} = 2u_{\xi\xi} + 3u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} u_{xx} - 3u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} &= 4u_{\xi\xi} + 4u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta} - 3\left(2u_{\xi\xi} + 3u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}\right) + 2\left(u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}\right) \\ &= -u_{\xi\eta} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{\xi\eta} = 0$$

The solution in the original domain is then:

$$u(x, y) = f(y + 2x) + g(y + x)$$

$$1c. u_{xx} + u_{xy} = 0$$

$$A=1$$
  $B=1$   $C=0$   $\Delta=1$  hyperbolic

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{+1 \pm 1}{2} \stackrel{+1}{\searrow} 0$$

$$y = +x + K_1$$

$$y = K_2$$

$$\begin{cases} \xi = y - x & \xi_x = -1 & \xi_y = 1 \\ \eta = y & \eta_x = 0 & \eta_y = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$u_x = -u_\xi + u_\eta \underbrace{\eta_x}_{=0} = -u_\xi$$

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

$$u_{xx} = u_{\xi\xi}$$

$$u_{xy} = -u_{\xi\xi} - u_{\xi\eta}$$

$$u_{xx} + u_{xy} = -u_{\xi\eta} = 0$$

The solution in the original domain is then:

$$u = f(y - x) + g(y)$$

1d. 
$$u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = y$$

$$A = 1 \qquad B = 10 \qquad C = 9 \qquad \Delta = 100 - 36 = 64 \qquad \underline{\text{hyperbolic}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{10 \pm 8}{2} \stackrel{9}{\checkmark} 1$$

$$\xi = y - 9x \quad \xi_x = -9 \quad \xi_y = 1$$

$$\eta = y - x \quad \eta_x = -1 \quad \eta_y = 1$$

$$u_x = -9u_{\xi} - u_{\eta}$$

$$u_y = u_{\xi} + u_{\eta}$$

$$u_{xx} = -9 \left(-9u_{\xi\xi} - u_{\xi\eta}\right) - \left(-9u_{\xi\eta} - u_{\eta\eta}\right)$$

$$= 81u_{\xi\xi} + 18u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xy} = -9 \left(u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\xi\eta}\right) - \left(u_{\xi\eta} + u_{yy}\right)$$

$$= -9u_{\xi\xi} - 10u_{\xi\eta} - u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = \underbrace{\left(81 - 90 + 9\right)}_{=0} u_{\xi\xi} + \left(18 - 100 + 18\right)u_{\xi\eta} + \underbrace{\left(1 - 10 + 9\right)}_{=0} u_{\eta\eta} = y$$

$$-64u_{\xi\eta} = y$$

Substitute for y by using the transformation

$$\begin{cases}
\xi = y - 9x \\
9\eta = 9y - 9x
\end{cases} - \frac{9\eta - 9\eta}{\xi - 9\eta} - \frac{9\eta - \xi}{8}$$

$$y = \frac{9\eta - \xi}{8}$$

$$u_{\xi\eta} = \frac{\frac{9\eta - \xi}{8}}{-64} = \frac{\xi}{512} - \frac{9\eta}{512}$$

$$u_{\xi\eta} = \frac{\xi}{512} - \frac{9\eta}{512}$$

To solve this PDE let  $\xi$  be fixed and integrate with respect to  $\eta$ 

$$\Rightarrow u_{\xi} = \frac{\xi}{512} \eta - \frac{9}{512} \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 + f(\xi)$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\xi^2 \eta}{512} - \frac{9}{2} \frac{1}{512} \xi \eta^2 + F(\xi) + g(\eta)$$

The solution in xy domain is:

$$u(x, y) = \frac{(y - 9x)^2(y - x)}{1024} - \frac{9}{1024}(y - 9x)(y - x)^2 + F(y - 9x) + g(y - x)$$

2a. 
$$u_{xx} - u_{yy} + 3u_x - 2u_y + u = 0$$

$$U = u e^{-(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)}$$

$$A = 1 \quad B = 0 \quad C = -1 \quad \Delta = 4 \quad \text{hyperbolic}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\pm 2}{2} = \pm 1$$

$$\xi = y - x$$

$$\eta = y + x$$

$$u_x = -u_\xi + u_\eta$$

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

$$u_{xx} = -(-u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\xi\eta}) + (-u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}) = u_{\xi\xi} - 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$-4u_{\xi\eta} - 3u_{\xi} + 3u_{\eta} - 2u_{\xi} - 2u_{\eta} + u = 0$$

$$-4u_{\xi\eta} - 5u_{\xi} + u_{\eta} + u = 0$$

$$U = u e^{-(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)} \Rightarrow u = U e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)}$$

$$u_{\xi} = U_{\xi} e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)} + \beta U e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)}$$

$$u_{\eta} = U_{\eta} e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)} + \beta U e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)}$$

$$u_{\xi\eta} = U_{\xi\eta} e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)} + \beta U_{\xi} e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)} + \alpha U_{\eta} e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)} + \alpha \beta U e^{(\alpha\xi + \beta\eta)}$$

$$-4U_{\xi\eta} - 4\beta U_{\xi} - 4\alpha U_{\eta} - 4\alpha \beta U - 5U_{\xi} - 5\alpha U + U_{\eta} + \beta U + U = 0$$

$$-4U_{\xi\eta} + (-4\beta - 5)U_{\xi} + (-4\alpha + 1)U_{\eta} + (-4\alpha\beta - 5\alpha + \beta + 1)U = 0$$

$$\psi = -5/4 \qquad \alpha = 1/4 \qquad -4(1/4)(-5/4) - 5(1/4) + (-5/4) + 1 = -1/4$$

$$-4U_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{4}U = 0$$

$$U_{\xi\eta} = -\frac{1}{16}U \qquad \text{required form}$$

2b. 
$$3u_{xx} + 7u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + u_{y} + u = 0$$
  
 $A = 3$   $B = 7$   $C = 2$   $\Delta = 49 - 24 = 25$   

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{7 \pm 5}{6} \sum_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{3}$$
 $\xi = y - 2x$   $\xi_{x} = -2$   $\xi_{y} = 1$   

$$\eta = y - \frac{1}{3}x$$
  $\eta_{x} = -\frac{1}{3}$   $\eta_{y} = 1$   

$$u_{x} = -2u_{\xi} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta}$$

$$u_{y} = u_{\xi} + u_{\eta}$$

$$u_{xx} = -2\left(-2u_{\xi\xi} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\xi\eta}\right) - \frac{1}{3}\left(-2u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta\eta}\right)$$

$$u_{xx} = 4u_{\xi\xi} + \frac{4}{3}u_{\xi\eta} + \frac{1}{9}u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xy} = -2\left(u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\xi\eta}\right) - \frac{1}{3}\left(u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}\right)$$

$$u_{xy} = -2u_{\xi\xi} - \frac{7}{3}u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$4u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{49}{3}u_{\xi\eta} + 4u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\xi} + u_{\eta} + u = 0$$

Use last page:

$$\frac{-25}{3}(U_{\xi\eta} + \beta U_{\xi} + \alpha U_{\eta} + \alpha \beta U) + U_{\xi} + \alpha U + U_{\eta} + \beta U + U = 0$$

$$\frac{-25}{3}U_{\xi\eta} + \left(\frac{-25}{3}\beta + 1\right)U_{\xi} + \left(\frac{-25}{3}\alpha + 1\right)U_{\eta} + \left(\frac{-25}{3}\alpha\beta + \alpha + \beta + 1\right)U = 0$$

$$\emptyset$$

$$\beta = 3/25$$

$$\alpha = 3/25$$

$$-\frac{3}{25} + \frac{3}{25} + \frac{3}{25} + 1 = \frac{28}{25}$$

$$\frac{-25}{3}u_{\xi\eta} + \frac{28}{25}U = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{\xi\eta} = \frac{3}{25} + \frac{28}{25}U$$

hyperbolic

3.

$$u_{xx} = au_t + bu_x - \frac{b^2}{4}u + d$$

$$A = 1$$
  $B = C = 0$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Delta = 0$ 

 $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$  already in canonical form since  $u_{xx}$  is the only  $2^{nd}$  order term

$$u = ve^{\frac{b}{2}x}$$

$$u_x = v_x e^{\frac{b}{2}x} + \frac{b}{2} v e^{\frac{b}{2}x}$$

$$u_{xx} = v_{xx}e^{\frac{b}{2}x} + bv_{x}e^{\frac{b}{2}x} + \frac{b^{2}}{4}ve^{\frac{b}{2}x}$$

$$u_t = v_t e^{\frac{b}{2}x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad v_{xx} + bv_x + \frac{b^2}{4}v = av_t + b\left(v_x + \frac{b}{2}v\right) - \frac{b^2}{4}v + de^{-\frac{b}{2}x}$$

Since  $v_x$  and v terms cancel out we have:

$$v_{xx} = av_t + de^{-\frac{b}{2}x}$$

### **CHAPTER 3**

# 3 Method of Characteristics

## 3.1 Advection Equation (first order wave equation)

## **Problems**

1. Solve

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - 3\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$$

subject to

$$w(x,0) = \sin x$$

2. Solve using the method of characteristics

a. 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^{2x}$$
 subject to  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ 

b. 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1$$
 subject to  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ 

c. 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 3t \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = u$$
 subject to  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ 

d. 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - 2\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^{2x}$$
 subject to  $u(x,0) = \cos x$ 

e. 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - t^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -u$$
 subject to  $u(x,0) = 3e^x$ 

3. Show that the characteristics of

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$
$$u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

are straight lines.

4. Consider the problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$u(x,0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 0 \\ 1 + \frac{x}{L} & 0 < x < L \\ 2 & L < x \end{cases}$$

- a. Determine equations for the characteristics
- b. Determine the solution u(x,t)
- c. Sketch the characteristic curves.
- d. Sketch the solution u(x,t) for fixed t.

1. The PDE can be rewriten as a system of two ODEs

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -3$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = 0$$

The solution of the first gives the characteristic curve

$$x + 3t = x_0$$

and the second gives

$$w(x(t),t) = w(x(0),0) = \sin x_0 = \sin(x+3t)$$

$$w(x,t) = \sin(x+3t)$$

2. a. The ODEs in this case are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = c$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = e^{2x}$$

Solve the characteristic equation

$$x = ct + x_0$$

Now solve the second ODE. To do that we have to plug in for x

$$\frac{du}{dt} = e^{2(x_0 + ct)} = e^{2x_0} e^{2ct}$$

$$u(x,t) = e^{2x_0} \frac{1}{2c} e^{2ct} + K$$

The constant of integration can be found from the initial condition

$$f(x_0) = u(x_0, 0) = \frac{1}{2c} e^{2x_0} + K$$

Therefore

$$K = f(x_0) - \frac{1}{2c} e^{2x_0}$$

Plug this K in the solution

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2c} e^{2x_0 + 2ct} + f(x_0) - \frac{1}{2c} e^{2x_0}$$

Now substitute for  $x_0$  from the characteristic curve  $u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2c}e^{2x} + f(x-ct) - \frac{1}{2c}e^{2(x-ct)}$ 

2. b. The ODEs in this case are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 1$$

Solve the characteristic equation

$$\ln x = t + \ln x_0 \qquad \text{or} \qquad x = x_0 e^t$$

The solution of the second ODE is

$$u = t + K$$
 and the constant is  $f(x_0)$   
 $u(x,t) = t + f(x_0)$ 

Substitute  $x_0$  from the characteristic curve  $u(x,t) = t + f(xe^{-t})$ 

2. c. The ODEs in this case are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3t$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u$$

Solve the characteristic equation

$$x = \frac{3}{2}t^2 + x_0$$

The second ODE can be written as

$$\frac{du}{u} = dt$$

Thus the solution of the second ODE is

$$\ln u = t + \ln K$$
 and the constant is  $f(x_0)$ 

$$u(x,t) = f(x_0) e^t$$

Substitute  $x_0$  from the characteristic curve  $u(x,t) = f\left(x - \frac{3}{2}t^2\right)e^t$ 

## 2. d. The ODEs in this case are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -2$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = e^{2x}$$

Solve the characteristic equation

$$x = -2t + x_0$$

Now solve the second ODE. To do that we have to plug in for x

$$\frac{du}{dt} = e^{2(x_0 - 2t)} = e^{2x_0} e^{-4t}$$

$$u(x,t) = e^{2x_0} \left( -\frac{1}{4} e^{-4t} \right) + K$$

The constant of integration can be found from the initial condition

$$\cos(x_0) = u(x_0, 0) = -\frac{1}{4}e^{2x_0} + K$$

Therefore

$$K = \cos(x_0) + \frac{1}{4}e^{2x_0}$$

Plug this K in the solution and substitute for  $x_0$  from the characteristic curve

$$u(x,t) = -\frac{1}{4}e^{2(x+2t)}e^{-4t} + \cos(x+2t) + \frac{1}{4}e^{2(x+2t)}$$

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{4}e^{2x} \left(e^{4t} - 1\right) + \cos(x + 2t)$$

To check the answer, we differentiate

$$u_x = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} \left(e^{4t} - 1\right) - \sin(x + 2t)$$

$$u_t = \frac{1}{4}e^{2x} \left( 4e^{4t} \right) - 2\sin(x + 2t)$$

Substitute in the PDE

$$u_t - 2u_x = e^{2x} e^{4t} - 2\sin(x+2t) - 2\left\{\frac{1}{2}e^{2x} \left(e^{4t} - 1\right) - \sin(x+2t)\right\}$$

$$= e^{2x} e^{4t} - 2\sin(x+2t) - e^{2x} e^{4t} + e^{2x} + 2\sin(x+2t)$$

$$= e^{2x} \quad \text{which is the right hand side of the PDE}$$

2. e. The ODEs in this case are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -t^2$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -u$$

Solve the characteristic equation

$$x = -\frac{t^3}{3} + x_0$$

Now solve the second ODE. To do that we rewrite it as

$$\frac{du}{u} = -dt$$

Therefore the solution as in 2c

 $\ln u = -t + \ln K$  and the constant is  $3e^{x_0}$ 

Plug this K in the solution and substitute for  $x_0$  from the characteristic curve

$$\ln u(x,t) = \ln \left[ 3 e^{x + \frac{1}{3}t^3} \right] - t$$

$$u(x,t) = 3 e^{x + \frac{1}{3}t^3} e^{-t}$$

To check the answer, we differentiate

$$u_t = 3e^x (t^2 - 1) e^{\frac{1}{3}t^3 - t}$$
$$u_x = 3e^x e^{\frac{1}{3}t^3 - t}$$

Substitute in the PDE

$$u_t - t^2 u_x = 3 e^x e^{\frac{1}{3}t^3 - t} - t^2 \left\{ 3 e^x \left( t^2 - 1 \right) e^{\frac{1}{3}t^3 - t} \right\}$$
$$= 3 e^x e^{\frac{1}{3}t^3 - t} \left[ \left( t^2 - 1 \right) - t^2 \right] = -3 e^{x + \frac{1}{3}t^3 - t} = -u$$

3. The ODEs in this case are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2u$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 0$$

Since the first ODE contains x, t and u, we solve the second ODE first

$$u(x,t) = u(x(0),0) = f(x(0))$$

Plug this u in the first ODE, we get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2f(x(0))$$

The solution is

$$x = x_0 + 2t f(x_0)$$

These are characteristics lines all with slope

$$\frac{1}{2f(x_0)}$$

Note that the characteristic through  $x_1(0)$  will have a different slope than the one through  $x_2(0)$ . That is the straight line are NOT parallel.

4. The ODEs in this case are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2u$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 0$$

with

$$u(x,0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 0 \\ 1 + \frac{x}{L} & 0 < x < L \\ 2 & L < x \end{cases}$$

a. Since the first ODE contains x, t and u, we solve the second ODE first

$$u(x,t) = u(x(0),0) = f(x(0))$$

Plug this u in the first ODE, we get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2f(x(0))$$

The solution is

$$x = x_0 + 2tf(x_0)$$

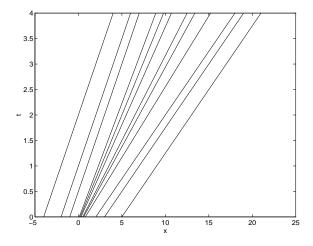


Figure 12: Characteristics for problem 4

b. For  $x_0 < 0$  then  $f(x_0) = 1$  and the solution is

$$u(x,t) = 1 \qquad \text{on } x = x_0 + 2t$$

or

$$u(x,t) = 1$$
 on  $x < 2t$ 

For  $x_0 > L$  then  $f(x_0) = 2$  and the solution is

$$u(x,t) = 2 \qquad \text{on } x > 4t + L$$

For  $0 < x_0 < L$  then  $f(x_0) = 1 + x_0/L$  and the solution is

$$u(x,t) = 1 + \frac{x_0}{L}$$
 on  $x = 2t \left(1 + \frac{x_0}{L}\right) + x_0$ 

That is

$$x_0 = \frac{x - 2t}{2t + L}L$$

Thus the solution on this interval is

$$u(x,t) = 1 + \frac{x-2t}{2t+L} = \frac{2t+L+x-2t}{2t+L} = \frac{x+L}{2t+L}$$

Notice that u is continuous.

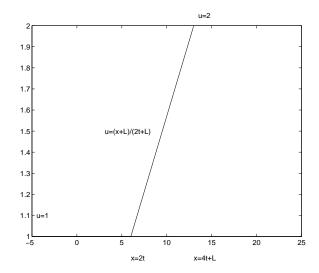


Figure 13: Solution for problem 4