

## Module-3

Formation of PDE's by elimination of arbitrary constants and functions. Solution of non-homogeneous PDE by direct integration. Homogeneous PDEs involving derivative with respect to one independent variable only. Solution of Lagrange's linear PDE. Derivation of one-dimensional heat equation and wave equation.

### Partial Differential equations:

Notations: If  $z = f(x, y)$ , then  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = z_x$  .  $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = z_y$  .

$$r = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = z_{xx} = p_x . \quad s = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = z_{xy} = p_y = q_x . \quad t = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = z_{yy} = q_y .$$

### Formation of PDE by eliminating the arbitrary constants.

Examples:

1. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary constants of the equation  $2z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$ .

Solution:  $2z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$  .....(i)

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$2p = \frac{2x}{a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad 2q = \frac{2y}{b^2} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{a^2} = px \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{y^2}{b^2} = qy$$

Substituting these values in (i), we get

$$\boxed{2z = px + qy}$$

2. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary constants of the equation  $ax^2 + by^2 + z^2 = 1$ .

Solution:  $ax^2 + by^2 + z^2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 = 1 - ax^2 - by^2 \quad \text{..... (i)}$$

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$2zp = -2ax \quad \text{and} \quad 2zq = -2by \Rightarrow zpx = -ax^2 \quad \text{and} \quad zqy = -by^2 .$$

Substituting these values in (i) we get ,

$$\boxed{z^2 = 1 + zpx + zqy}$$

3. Find the differential equation of all planes which are at a constant distance  $a$  from the origin.

Solution: The equation of the plane in normal form is  $lx + my + nz = a$  .....(i)

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$l + np = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad m + nq = 0 \Rightarrow l = -np \quad \text{and} \quad m = -nq .$$

Substituting these values in (i), we get  $nz - npz - nqy = a$  .

$$\text{But } l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1 \Rightarrow n^2 p^2 + n^2 q^2 + n^2 = 1 \Rightarrow n^2 = \frac{1}{1+p^2+q^2} \Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2}}$$

$$\therefore z - px - qy = \frac{a}{n} , \quad \text{or}$$

$$\boxed{z - px - qy = a\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2}}$$

4. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary constants of the equation  $z = xy + y\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} + b$ .

Solution:  $z = xy + y\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} + b$  .....(i)

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$p = y + \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad q = x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = q - x$$

$$\therefore p = y + \frac{xy}{q-x} \Rightarrow pq - px = qy \quad \text{or}$$

$$pq = px + qy$$

### Formation of PDE by eliminating the arbitrary functions:

Type 1:  $z = f(ax + by) + g(cx + dy)$

$$r = a^2 f'' + c^2 g'' \quad , \quad s = abf'' + cdg'' \quad \text{and} \quad t = b^2 f'' + d^2 g'' .$$

Eliminate  $f''$  and  $g''$  using above three equations.

Type 2: If  $u = f(v)$  or  $F(u, v) = 0$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are functions of  $(x, y, z)$

$$\text{Then the PDE is } u_x v_y = v_x u_y .$$

$$\text{Because } u_x = v_x f'(v) \quad \text{and} \quad u_y = v_y f'(v) \Rightarrow \frac{u_x}{u_y} = \frac{v_x}{v_y} \Rightarrow u_x v_y = v_x u_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly } F_u u_x + F_v v_x &= 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F_u u_y + F_v v_y = 0 \Rightarrow F_u u_x = -F_v v_x \quad \text{and} \quad F_u u_y = -F_v v_y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{F_u u_x}{F_u u_y} &= \frac{-F_v v_x}{-F_v v_y} \Rightarrow \frac{u_x}{u_y} = \frac{v_x}{v_y} \Rightarrow u_x v_y = v_x u_y . \end{aligned}$$

Examples:

1. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary functions of the equation  $z = f(y + 2x) + g(y - 3x)$ .

Solution:  $z = f(y + 2x) + g(y - 3x)$   
 $\Rightarrow r = 4f'' + 9g'' \quad , \quad s = 2f'' - 3g'' \quad \text{and} \quad t = f'' + g''$   
 $\Rightarrow r + s = 6(f'' + g'') \quad \text{or} \quad r + s = 6t$

2. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary functions  $z = f(2x + 3y) + g(x + 2y)$ .

Solution:  $z = f(2x + 3y) + g(x + 2y)$   
 $\Rightarrow r = 4f'' + g'' \quad , \quad s = 6f'' + 2g'' \quad \text{and} \quad t = 9f'' + 4g''$   
 $s - 2r = -2f'' \quad , \quad \text{and} \quad t - 2s = -3f'' \Rightarrow 3(s - 2r) = 2(t - 2s)$   
 $\therefore 2t + 6r = 7s$

3. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary functions  $z = f(x + ct) + g(x - ct)$ .

Solution:  $z = f(x + ct) + g(x - ct)$   
 $\Rightarrow z_{xx} = f'' + g'' \quad \text{and} \quad z_{tt} = c^2 f'' + c^2 g'' \Rightarrow z_{tt} = c^2 z_{xx}$

4. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary function of the equation  $z = y^2 + 2f\left(\frac{1}{x} + \log y\right)$ .

Solution:  $z = y^2 + 2f\left(\frac{1}{x} + \log y\right) \Rightarrow \frac{z - y^2}{2} = f\left(\frac{1}{x} + \log y\right)$

Let  $u = \frac{z - y^2}{2}$  and  $v = \frac{1}{x} + \log y$

then  $u_x = \frac{p}{2} \quad , \quad v_x = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

and  $u_y = \frac{q-2y}{2}$  ,  $v_y = \frac{1}{y}$   
 $\therefore$  PDE is  $u_x v_y = v_x u_y$  , ie ,  $\frac{p}{2y} = -\frac{(q-2y)}{2x^2}$  ,  $\Rightarrow px^2 = -qy + 2y^2$   
 or  $\boxed{px^2 + qy = 2y^2}$

5. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary function of the equation  $z = f\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)$  .

Solution: Let  $u = z$  and  $v = \frac{xy}{z}$  . Then  $u_x = p$  ,  $v_x = \frac{yz-xy p}{z^2}$   
 and  $u_y = q$  ,  $v_y = \frac{xz-xy q}{z^2}$

$\therefore$  PDE is  $u_x v_y = v_x u_y$  ie  $xzp - xypq = yzq - xypq$  or  $\boxed{px = qy}$

6. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary function of the equation  $F(xy + z^2, x + y + z) = 0$  .

Solution: Let  $u = xy + z^2$  and  $v = x + y + z$  . Then  $u_x = y + 2zp$  ,  $v_x = 1 + p$   
 and  $u_y = x + 2zq$  ,  $v_y = 1 + q$

$\therefore$  PDE is  $u_x v_y = v_x u_y$  ie  $(y + 2zp)(1 + q) = (x + 2zq)(1 + p)$   
 $\Rightarrow y + 2zp + qy + 2zpq = x + 2zq + px + 2zpq$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{(2z - x)p + (y - 2z)q = x - y}$

7. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary function of the equation  $F(x + y + z, x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0$  .

Solution: Let  $u = x + y + z$  and  $v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  . Then  $u_x = 1 + p$  ,  $v_x = 2x + 2zp$   
 and  $u_y = 1 + q$  ,  $v_y = 2y + 2zq$

$\therefore$  PDE is  $u_x v_y = v_x u_y$  ie  $(1 + p)2(y + zq) = (1 + q)2(x + zp)$   
 $\Rightarrow y + zq + py + zpq = x + zp + qx + zpq$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{(y - z)p + (z - x)q = x - y}$

8. Form the PDE by eliminating the arbitrary function of the equation  $F(x^2 + y^2, z - xy) = 0$  .

Solution: Let  $u = x^2 + y^2$  and  $v = z - xy$  . Then  $u_x = 2x$  ,  $v_x = p - y$   
 and  $u_y = 2y$  ,  $v_y = q - x$

$\therefore$  PDE is  $u_x v_y = v_x u_y$  ie  $2x(q - x) = 2y(p - y)$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{yp - xq = y^2 - x^2}$

9. Form the PDE of the equation  $z = yf(x) + xg(y)$ .

Solution:  $z = yf(x) + xg(y)$  .....(i)

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  , we get

$p = yf'(x) + g(y)$  and  $q = f(x) + xg'(y)$

Differentiating  $p$  partially with respect to  $y$  , we get  $s = f'(x) + g'(y)$

$\Rightarrow px + qy = \overline{xyf'(x)} + \underline{xg(y)} + \overline{yf(x)} + \overline{xyg'(y)}$

$= xys + z$  .  $\therefore$  PDE is  $\boxed{px + qy = xys + z}$

**Solutions of a partial differential equation.****Equation solvable by direct integration:**

1. Solve  $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} + 18xy^2 + \sin(2x - y) = 0$  .

Solution: Integrating twice with respect to  $x$  (keeping  $y$  fixed),

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 9x^2 y^2 - \frac{\cos(2x-y)}{2} = f(y) ,$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + 3x^3 y^2 - \frac{\sin(2x-y)}{4} = xf(y) + g(y) .$$

Now integrating with respect to  $y$  (keeping  $x$  fixed),

$$z + x^3 y^3 - \frac{\cos(2x-y)}{4} = xF(y) + G(y) + h(x)$$

Where  $F, G, h$  are arbitrary functions, and  $F(y) = \int f(y)dy$  ,  $G(y) = \int g(y)dy$  .

2. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \sin x \sin y = 0$  ,

for which  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2 \sin y$  when  $x = 0$  and  $z = 0$  when  $y$  is odd multiple of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  .

Solution:  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \sin x \sin y = 0$  ,

Integrating with respect to  $x$  (keeping  $y$  fixed),

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \cos x \sin y = f(y) . \quad \text{Substituting } x = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2 \sin y \text{ we get,}$$

$$f(y) = -2 \sin y + \sin y = -\sin y .$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \cos x \sin y = -\sin y$$

Now integrating with respect to  $y$  (keeping  $x$  fixed),

$$z - \cos x \cos y = \cos y + g(x) . \quad \text{Substituting } z = 0 \text{ and } y = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ we get,}$$

$$g(x) = 0. \quad \therefore \boxed{z = \cos x \cos y + \cos y}$$

**Solution of homogeneous PDE involving derivative with respect to one independent variable only:**

3. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = z$  , given that when  $y = 0$ ,  $z = e^x$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{-x}$ .

Solution: If  $z$  is the function of  $y$  alone, Then the equation is  $(D^2 - 1)z = 0$

The solution is  $z = c_1 e^{-y} + c_2 e^y$  , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants.

Since  $z$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$  ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  can be arbitrary functions of  $x$  .

Hence the solution of the given equation is  $z = f(x)e^y + g(x)e^{-y}$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f(x)e^y - g(x)e^{-y}$$

$$\text{When } y = 0, \quad z = e^x \text{ and } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{-x}, \quad f(x) + g(x) = e^x \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) - g(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \cosh x \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \sinh x .$$

$$\text{Hence the desired solution is } \boxed{z = e^y \cosh x + e^{-y} \sinh x}$$

4. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2z = 0$  , given that when  $x = 0$ ,  $z = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \cos y$  .

Solution: If  $z$  is the function of  $x$  alone, Then the equation is  $(D^2 + 3D + 2)z = 0$

The solution is  $z = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$  , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants.

Since  $z$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$  ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  can be arbitrary functions of  $y$  .

Hence the solution of the given equation is  $z = f(y)e^{-x} + g(y)e^{-2x}$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -f(y)e^{-x} - 2g(y)e^{-2x}$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $z = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \cos y$ ,  $f(y) + g(y) = 0$  and  $-f(y) - 2g(y) = \cos y$   
 $\Rightarrow g(y) = -\cos y$  and  $f(y) = \cos y$ .

Hence the desired solution is  $\boxed{z = \cos y (e^{-x} - e^{-2x})}$

### Lagrange's linear equations of first order.

Equations of the form  $Pp + Qq = R$  are called linear equations. Where  $P, Q$  and  $R$  are functions of  $(x, y, z)$ .

Find the two independent solutions of subsidiary equations  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$ .

Let  $u(x, y, z) = a$  and  $v(x, y, z) = b$  are the solutions of subsidiary equations.

Then complete solution of the linear equation is  $F(u, v) = 0$  or  $u = f(v)$ .

Example:

1. Solve  $(z - y)p + (x - z)q = y - x$ .

Ans:  $(z - y)p + (x - z)q = y - x$

Subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{z-y} = \frac{dy}{x-z} = \frac{dz}{y-x}$   
 $= \frac{dx+dy+dz}{0}$  using multipliers 1,1 and 1.  
 $= \frac{xdx+dy+zdz}{0}$  using multipliers  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

$dx + dy + dz = 0$		$xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$
Integrating, $x + y + z = a$		Integrating, $\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} = c$ or $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = b$ .

Hence the required solution is  $\boxed{F(x + y + z, x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0}$

2. Solve  $x(y^2 - z^2)p + y(z^2 - x^2)q = z(x^2 - y^2)$ .

Ans: Subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{x(y^2-z^2)} = \frac{dy}{y(z^2-x^2)} = \frac{dz}{z(x^2-y^2)}$   
 $= \frac{\frac{dx}{x} + \frac{dy}{y} + \frac{dz}{z}}{0}$  using multipliers  $\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y}$  and  $\frac{1}{z}$ .  
 $= \frac{xdx+dy+zdz}{0}$  using multipliers  $x, y$  and  $z$

$\frac{dx}{x} + \frac{dy}{y} + \frac{dz}{z} = 0$		$xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$
Integrating, $\log x + \log y + \log z = \log a$ or $xyz = a$		Integrating, $\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} = c$ or $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = b$ .

Hence the required solution is  $\boxed{xyz = F(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$

3. Solve  $(x^2 - y^2 - z^2)p + 2x(qy - z) = 0$ .

Ans: Given equation is  $(x^2 - y^2 - z^2)p + 2xyq = 2xz$ .

Subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{(x^2-y^2-z^2)} = \frac{dy}{2xy} = \frac{dz}{2xz}$

$$= \frac{xdx+yd y+zd z}{x(x^2+y^2+z^2)} \quad \text{using multipliers } x, y \text{ and } z$$

$$\frac{dy}{2xy} = \frac{dz}{2xz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z}$$

on integration,  $\log y = \log z + \log a$

$$\text{or } \frac{y}{z} = a$$

$$\frac{xdx+yd y+zd z}{x(x^2+y^2+z^2)} = \frac{dz}{2xz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2xdx+2yd y+2zd z}{x^2+y^2+z^2} = \frac{dz}{z}$$

on integration,  $\log(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = \log z + \log b$

$$\text{or } \frac{x^2+y^2+z^2}{z} = b$$

Therefore complete solution of the given equation is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = zf\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)$

4. Solve  $(x^2 - yz)p + (y^2 - zx)q = z^2 - xy$ .

Subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{(x^2-yx)} = \frac{dy}{(y^2-zx)} = \frac{dz}{z^2-xy}$

$$= \frac{d(x-y)}{(x-y)(x+y+z)} = \frac{d(y-z)}{(y-z)(x+y+z)}$$

$$= \frac{dx+dy+dz}{(x^2+y^2+z^2-yz-zx-xy)} = \frac{xdx+yd y+zd z}{(x+y+z)(x^2+y^2+z^2-yz-zx-xy)}$$

$$= \frac{dx+dy+dz}{1} = \frac{xdx+yd y+zd z}{(x+y+z)}$$

$$\frac{d(x-y)}{(x-y)} = \frac{d(y-z)}{(y-z)} \quad \text{On integration,}$$

$$\log(x-y) = \log(y-z) + \log a$$

$$\frac{x-y}{y-z} = a$$

$$(x+y+z)d(x+y+z) = xdx + ydy + zdz$$

$$\text{on integration } (x+y+z)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2b$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + yz + zx = b$$

Hence the general solution is  $F\left(xy + yz + zx, \frac{x-y}{y-z}\right) = 0$

5. Solve  $(y+z)p + (x+z)q = x+y$ .

Subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{y+z} = \frac{dy}{x+z} = \frac{dz}{x+y}$

$$= \frac{d(x-y)}{-(x-y)} = \frac{d(y-z)}{-(y-z)} = \frac{dx+dy+dz}{2(x+y+z)}$$

$$\frac{d(x-y)}{(x-y)} = \frac{d(y-z)}{(y-z)}$$

On integration,

$$\log(x-y) = \log(y-z) + \log a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-y}{y-z} = a$$

$$\frac{d(x+y+z)}{(x+y+z)} = \frac{2d(y-z)}{-(y-z)}$$

On integration

$$\log(x+y+z) + \log(y-z)^2 = \log b$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y+z)(y-z)^2 = b$$

Hence the solution is  $F\left(\frac{x-y}{y-z}, (x+y+z)(y-z)^2\right) = 0$ .

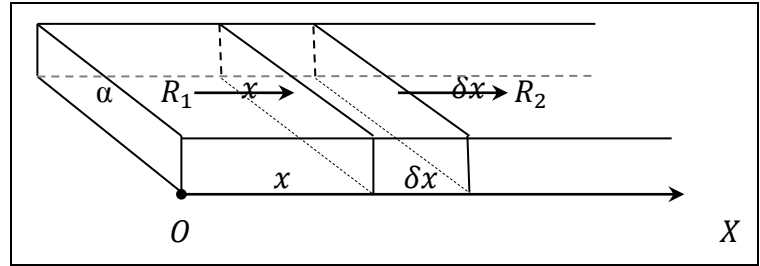
**One-dimensional heat flow derivation:**

Consider a homogeneous bar of uniform cross-section  $\alpha$  square units. Assume that the sides are covered with heat resistant materials so that stream lines of heat flow are all parallel and perpendicular to the area  $\alpha$ . Take one end of the bar as the origin and the direction of the heat flow as positive  $x$ -axis.

Let  $\rho$  be the density,  $s$  the specific heat and  $k$  the thermal conductivity.

Let  $u(x, t)$  be the temperature at a distance  $x$  from  $O$

If  $\delta u$  be the temperature change in a slab of thickness  $\delta x$  of the bar.



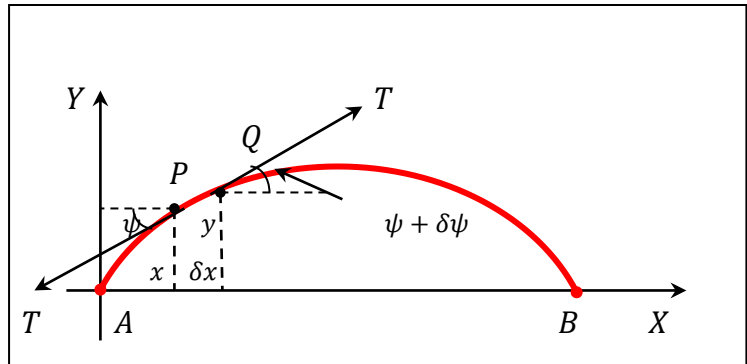
Then the quantity of heat in this slab  $= s\rho\alpha\delta x\delta u$ .

Hence the rate of increase of heat in this slab is  $s\rho\alpha\delta x \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = R_1 - R_2$ . Where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are respectively rate of inflow and outflow of heat and  $R_1 = -k\alpha \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_x$ ,  $R_2 = -k\alpha \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\delta x}$ .

And hence 
$$s\rho\alpha\delta x \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k\alpha \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\delta x} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_x \right\}$$
$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{s\rho} \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\delta x} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_x}{\delta x} \right].$$

Let  $\frac{k}{s\rho} = c^2$ , called diffusivity of the substance, and taking the limit as  $\delta x \rightarrow 0$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{This is the one-dimensional heat-flow equation.}$$

**One-dimensional wave equation derivation:**

Consider a tightly stretched elastic string of length  $l$  and fixed ends  $A$  and  $B$  and subjected to constant tension. The tension  $T$  will be considered to be large as compared to the weight of the string so that the effect of gravity is negligible. Let the string be released from rest and allowed to vibrate. Assume that vibration of string is entirely in one plane. Taking the end  $A$  as origin,  $AB$  as  $x$ -axis,  $AY$  as  $y$ -axis.

So that motion takes place entirely in  $xy$ - plane. Consider the motion of the element  $PQ$  of the string between its points  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x + \delta x, y + \delta y)$ , where the tangents make angles  $\psi$  and  $\psi + \delta\psi$  with  $x$ - axis

respectively. Clearly element is moving upwards with acceleration  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$ .

Vertical component of the force acting on this element  $= T \sin(\psi + \delta\psi) - T \sin \psi$ .

$$= T[\tan(\psi + \delta\psi) - \tan \psi] \quad \because \psi \text{ is very small, } \sin \psi \approx \tan \psi \approx \psi.$$

$$= T \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x \right\}.$$

If  $m$  is the mass per unit length of the string, then by Newton's second law of motion, we have

$$m\delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = T \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x \right\}$$

i.e.  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T}{m} \left[ \frac{\left\{ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x \right\}}{\delta x} \right]$ , Taking limits as  $Q \rightarrow P$  i.e.  $\delta x \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad \text{where } c^2 = \frac{T}{m}.$$

### Self-study:

#### (Gaps) Method of separation of variables:

1. Using the method of separation of variables, solve  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u$ , where  $u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}$ .

Solution: Assume that  $u(x, t) = XT$  where  $X$  is a function of  $x$  alone and  $T$  that of  $t$  alone.

Substituting in the given equation, we have  $X'T = 2XT' + XT$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{X'}{X} = \frac{2T' + T}{T} = k$  (Say)

Then	$X' = kX$	$2T' + T = kT \Rightarrow T' = \frac{(k-1)}{2}T$ $D = \frac{(k-1)}{2}$ $T = c_2 e^{\frac{(k-1)t}{2}}$
$\Rightarrow$	$D = k$	
$\Rightarrow$	$X = c_1 e^{kx}$	

Thus  $u(x, t) = ce^{kx + \frac{(k-1)t}{2}}$  Substituting  $u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}$  we get  
 $6e^{-3x} = ce^{kx} \Rightarrow c = 6 \text{ and } k = -3$

Hence the required solution is  $u(x, t) = 6e^{-(3x+2t)}$

2. Solve  $3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 4e^{-x}$  by the method of separation of variables.

Put  $z = XY$  in the given equation. Where  $X$  is a function of  $x$  alone and  $Y$  that of  $y$  alone.

Then  $3X'Y + 2XY' = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{X'}{2X} = -\frac{Y'}{3Y} = k$   
 $\therefore$   

$\Rightarrow$	$X' = 2kX$	$Y' = -3kY$ $D = -3k$ $Y = c_2 e^{-3ky}$
$\Rightarrow$	$D = 2k$	
$\Rightarrow$	$X = c_1 e^{2kx}$	

Thus  $u(x, y) = ce^{2kx-3ky}$  Substituting  $u(x, 0) = 4e^{-x}$ , we get  
 $4e^{-x} = ce^{2kx} \Rightarrow c = 4 \text{ and } k = -\frac{1}{2}$

Hence the required solution is  $u = 4e^{-x+\frac{3}{2}y}$

#### Find all possible solutions of one dimensional heat equation $u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$ by the method of separation of variables.

Ans: Assume that  $u(x, t) = XT$  where  $X$  is a function of  $x$  alone and  $T$  that of  $t$  alone.

Substituting in the given equation, we have  $XT' = c^2 X''T$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{c^2 T} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{X'' = kX} \text{ and } \boxed{T' = kc^2 T}$$

Case1: If  $k > 0$ , let  $k = p^2$ , then



$$\begin{aligned} X'' &= p^2 X \\ D^2 &= p^2 \quad \text{or} \quad D = \pm p \\ X &= c_1 e^{-px} + c_2 e^{px} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T' &= p^2 c^2 T \\ D &= p^2 c^2 \\ T &= c_3 e^{p^2 c^2 t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ If } k > 0, \quad u(x, t) = (c_1 e^{-px} + c_2 e^{px})(c_3 e^{p^2 c^2 t}).$$

Case2: If  $k < 0$ , let  $k = -p^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} X'' &= -p^2 X \\ D^2 &= -p^2 \quad \text{or} \quad D = \pm pi \\ X &= c_4 \cos px + c_5 \sin px \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T' &= -p^2 c^2 T \\ D &= -p^2 c^2 \\ T &= c_6 e^{-p^2 c^2 t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ If } k < 0, \quad u(x, t) = (c_4 \cos px + c_5 \sin px)(c_6 e^{-p^2 c^2 t}).$$

Case3: If  $k = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} X'' &= 0 \\ D^2 &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad D = 0, 0 \\ X &= c_7 + c_8 x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T' &= 0 \\ D &= 0 \\ T &= c_9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ If } k = 0, \quad u(x, t) = (c_7 + c_8 x)(c_9).$$

Since temperature  $u$  is to decrease with increase of time  $t$ ,

$u(x, t) = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(e^{-p^2 c^2 t})$  is the only solution.

**Find all possible solutions of one dimensional wave equation  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$  by the method of separation of variables.**

Ans: Assume that  $u(x, t) = XT$  where  $X$  is a function of  $x$  alone and  $T$  that of  $t$  alone.

Substituting in the wave equation, we have  $XT'' = c^2 X''T$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{c^2 T} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{X'' = kX} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{T'' = kc^2 T}$$

Case1: If  $k > 0$ , let  $k = p^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} X'' &= p^2 X \\ D^2 &= p^2 \quad \text{or} \quad D = \pm p \\ X &= c_1 e^{-px} + c_2 e^{px} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T'' &= p^2 c^2 T \\ D^2 &= p^2 c^2 \quad \text{or} \quad D = \pm pc \\ T &= c_3 e^{-pct} + c_4 e^{pct} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ If } k > 0, \quad u(x, t) = (c_1 e^{-px} + c_2 e^{px})(c_3 e^{-pct} + c_4 e^{pct}).$$

Case2: If  $k < 0$ , let  $k = -p^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} X'' &= -p^2 X \\ D^2 &= -p^2 \quad \text{or} \quad D = \pm pi \\ X &= c_5 \cos px + c_6 \sin px \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T'' &= -p^2 c^2 T \\ D^2 &= -p^2 c^2 \quad \text{or} \quad D = \pm pci \\ T &= c_7 \cos pct + c_8 \sin pct \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ If } k < 0, \quad u(x, t) = (c_5 \cos px + c_6 \sin px)(c_7 \cos pct + c_8 \sin pct).$$

Case3: If  $k = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} X'' &= 0 \\ D^2 &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad D = 0, 0 \\ X &= c_9 + c_{10} x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T'' &= 0 \\ D^2 &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad D = 0, 0 \\ T &= c_{11} + c_{12} t \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ If } k = 0, \quad u(x, t) = (c_9 + c_{10} x)(c_{11} + c_{12} t).$$

Since wave is periodic,

$u(x, t) = (c_1 \cos px + c_2 \sin px)(c_3 \cos pct + c_4 \sin pct)$

Is the only suitable solution of the wave equation.