

Practical 7 :: Plotting the Characteristic for the First Order PDE

A general quasi-linear PDE is :

$$a(x,y,u) u_x + b(x,y,u) u_y - c(x,y,u) = 0$$

The characteristic equations of the quasi-linear equation :

$$dx/dt = a(x,y,u)$$

$$dy/dt = b(x,y,u)$$

$$du/dt = c(x,y,u)$$

Equivalently characteristic equations of the above equation in the non - parametric form are :

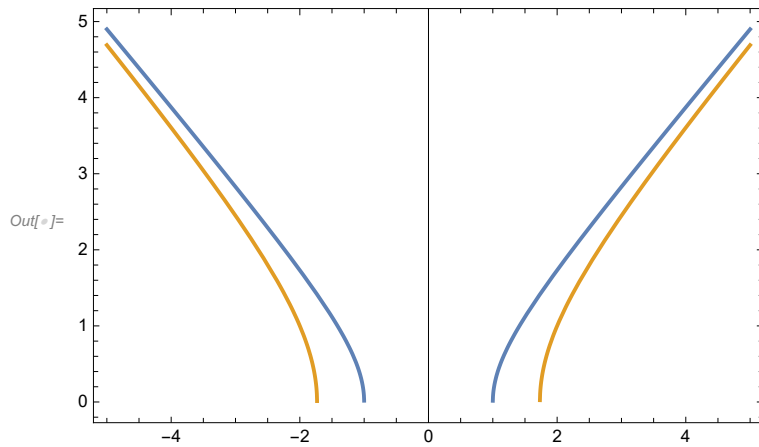
$$dx/a = dy/b = du/c$$

Integrate the above and plot the solutions

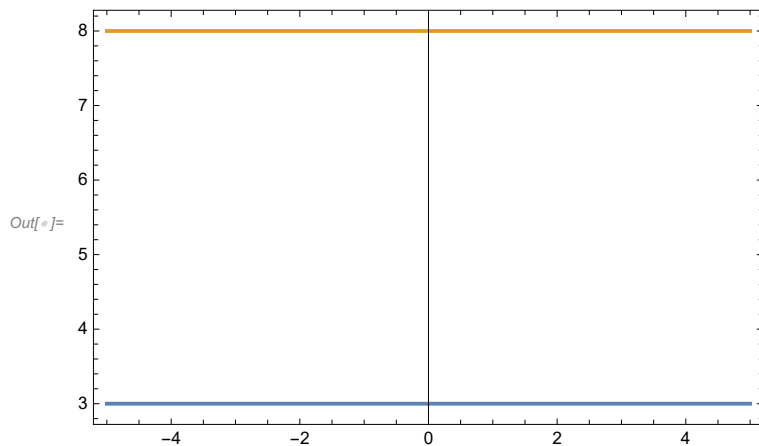
Ques 1. $y u_x + x u_y = 0$

The characteristic system is given by $dx/y = dy/x = du=0$ and the characteristic equations are given by $x^2 + y^2 = c_1$ and $u = c_2$. Taking $c_1 = 1$ and $u = c_2$. Taking $c_1 = 1$ and 3 and $c_2 = 3$ and 8.

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In[ ]:= Plot[{Sqrt[x^2 - 1], Sqrt[x^2 - 3]}, {x, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]
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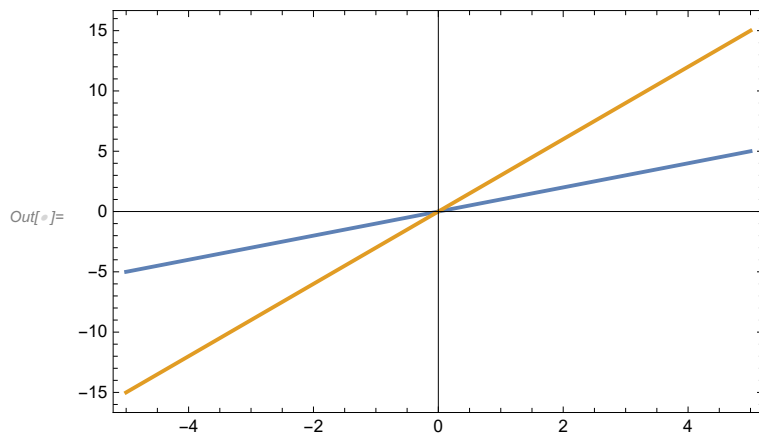
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In[ ]:= Plot[{3, 8}, {x, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]
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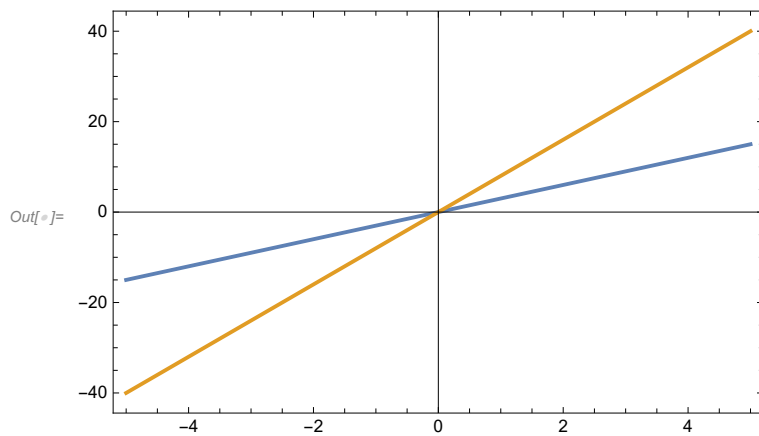
Ques 2. $x u_x + y u_y = u$

The characteristic system is given by $dx/x = dy/y = du/u$ and the characteristic equations are given by $y/x = c_1$ and $u/x = c_2$. Taking $c_1 = 1$ and 3 and $c_2 = 3$ and 8 .

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In[ ]:= Plot[{x, 3 x}, {x, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]
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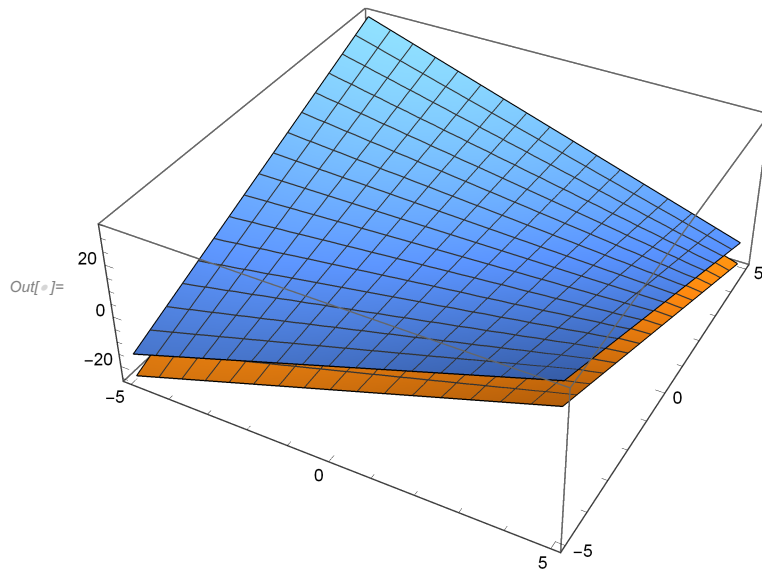
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In[ ]:= Plot[{3 x, 8 x}, {x, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]
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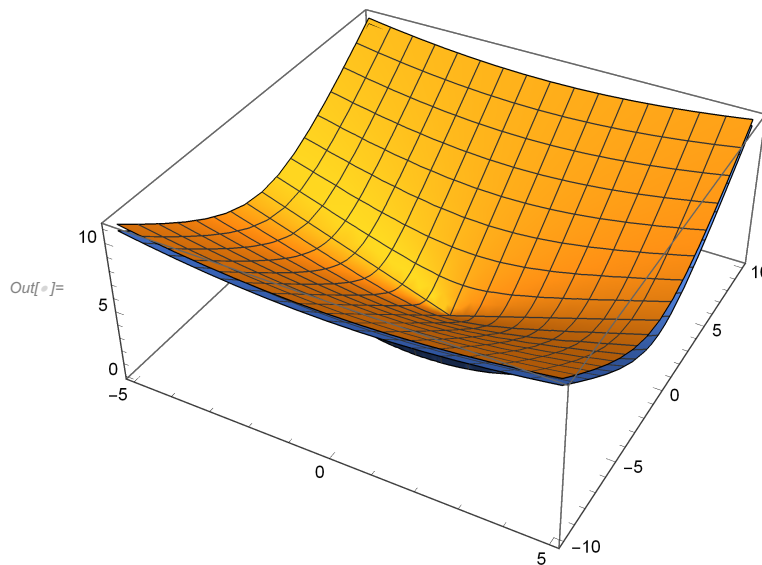
Ques 3. $(y+ux) u_x - (x+uy) u_y = x^2 - y^2$

The characteristic system is given by $dx/y+ux = dy/-(x+uy) = du/x^2 - y^2$ and the characteristic equations are given by $xy+u = c_1$ and $x^2 + y^2 - u^2 = c_2$. Taking $c_1 = 0$ and 9 and $c_2 = 0$ and 10.

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In[ ]:= Plot3D[{-x * y, -x * y + 9}, {x, -5, 5}, {y, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick]
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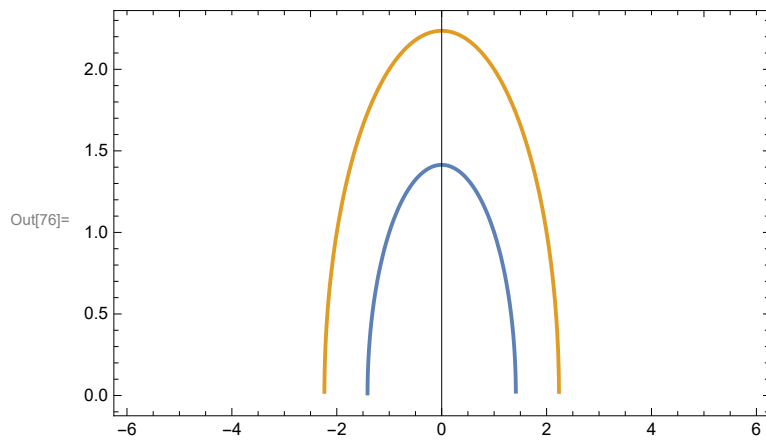
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In[ ]:= Plot3D[{Sqrt[x^2 + y^2], Sqrt[x^2 + y^2 - 10]}, {x, -5, 5}, {y, -10, 10}, PlotStyle -> Thick]
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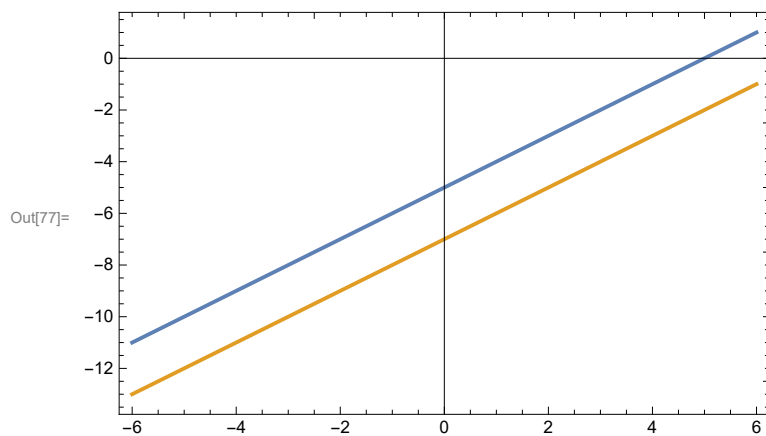
Ques 4. $x u_x + y u_y = u$

The characteristic system is given by $dx/x = dy/y = du/u$ and the characteristic equations are given by $y/x = c_1$ and $u/x = c_2$. Taking $c_1 = 1$ and 3 and $c_2 = 3$ and 8 .

In[76]:= `Plot[{Sqrt[2 - x^2], Sqrt[5 - x^2]}, {x, -6, 6}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]`



In[77]:= `Plot[{y - 5, y - 7}, {y, -6, 6}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]`



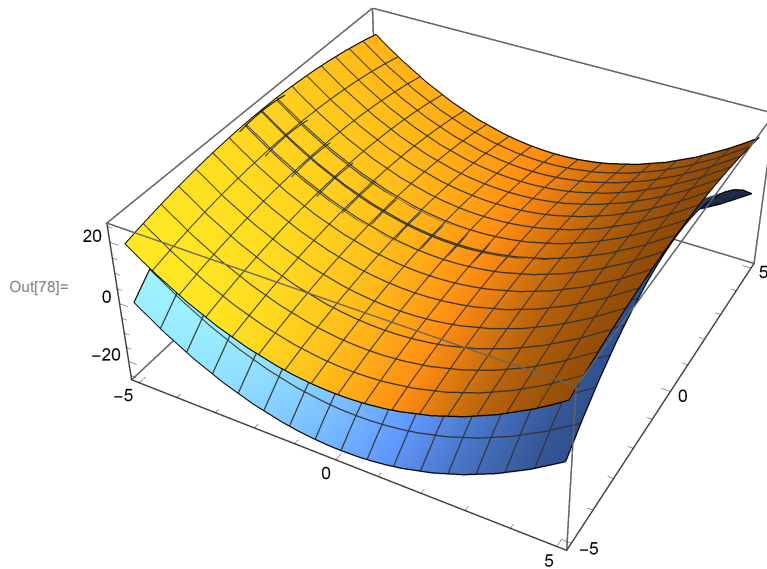
Ques 5 : $u(x+y) u_x + u(x-y) u_y = x^2 + y^2$

The characteristic system is given by $dx/u(x+y) = dy/u(x-y) = du/(x^2+y^2)$ and the characteristic equations are given by

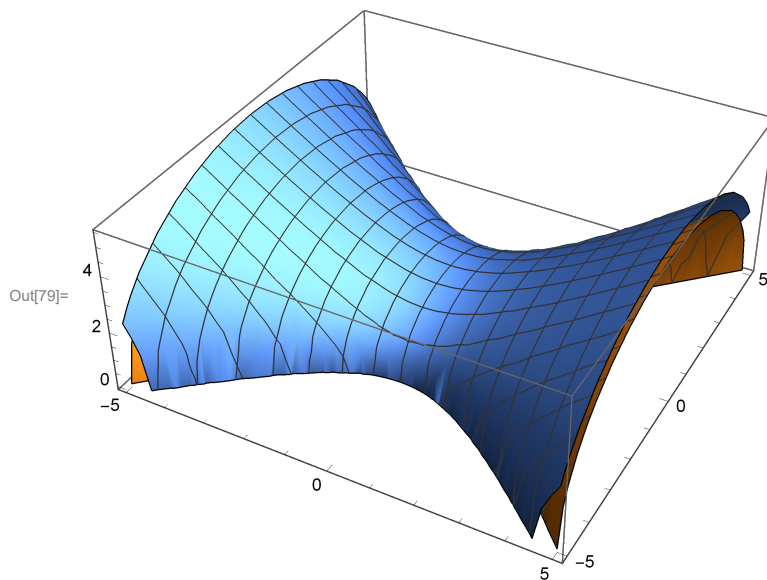
$$x^2/2 - y^2/2 - u = c_1 \text{ and } y^2 - u^2 - x^2 = c_2.$$

Taking $c_1 = 2$ and 5 and $c_2 = 5$ and 7 .

In[78]:= `Plot3D[{x^2 - y^2 / 4, x^2 - y^2 - 2 / 4}, {x, -5, 5}, {y, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick]`



In[79]:= `Plot3D[{Sqrt[x^2 - y^2], Sqrt[x^2 - y^2 + 5]}, {x, -5, 5}, {y, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick]`



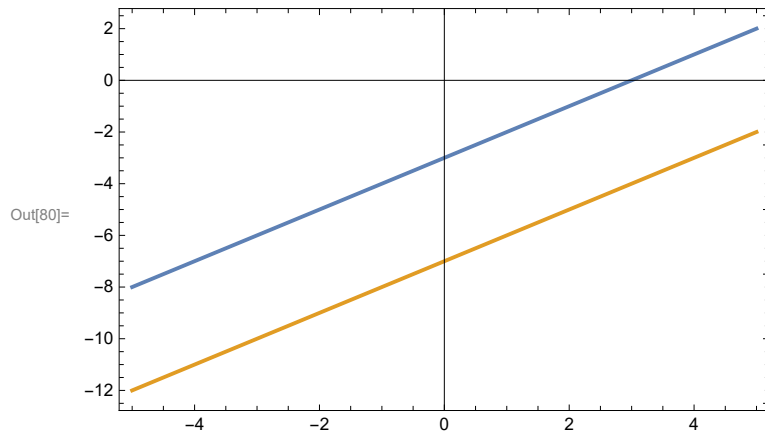
Ques 6 : $u_x - u_y = 1$

The characteristic system is given by $dx/1 = dy/(-1) = du/1$ and the characteristic equations are given by

$$x - y = c_1 \text{ and } -y - u = c_2.$$

Taking $c_1 = 2$ and 5 and $c_2 = 5$ and 7 .

In[80]:= `Plot[{x - 3, x - 7}, {x, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]`



In[81]:= `Plot[{1 - y, 5 - y}, {y, -5, 5}, PlotStyle -> Thick, Frame -> True]`

