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**COURSE MATERIAL**

**UNIT IV PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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Formation of equations by elimination of arbitrary constants and arbitrary functions - Solutions of PDE - general, particular and complete integrals - Solutions of First order Linear PDE ( Lagrange's linear equation ) - Solution of Linear Homogeneous PDE of higher order with constant coefficients.

**INTRODUCTION**

A partial differential equation is an equation involving a function of two or more variables and some of its partial derivatives. Therefore a partial differential equation contains one dependent variable and more than one independent variable

**Notations in PDE**

$$p = \partial z / \partial x \quad q = \partial z / \partial y \quad r = \partial^2 z / \partial x^2 \quad s = \partial^2 z / \partial x \partial y \quad t = \partial^2 z / \partial y^2$$

**Formation of partial differential equations:**

There are two methods to form a partial differential equation.

- (i) By elimination of arbitrary constants.
- (ii) By elimination of arbitrary functions.

**Formation of partial differential equations by elimination of arbitrary constants:**

1. Form a p.d.e by eliminating the arbitrary constants a and b from  $Z = (x+a)^2 + (y-b)^2$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } Z = (x+a)^2 + (y-b)^2$$

$$P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2(x+a) , \quad \text{ie) } x+a = \frac{p}{2}$$

$$q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2(y-b) , \quad \text{ie) } y-b = \frac{q}{2}$$

$$\therefore (1) \Rightarrow z = \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2$$

$$z = \frac{p^2}{4} + \frac{q^2}{4}$$

$$4z = p^2 + q^2$$

which is the required p.d.e.

2. Find the p.d.e of all planes having equal intercepts on the X and Y axis.

**Solution:**

Intercept form of the plane equation is  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$ .

Given :  $a=b$ . [Equal intercepts on the x and y axis]

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

Here  $a$  and  $c$  are the two arbitrary constants.

Differentiating (1) p.w.r.to 'x' we get

$$\frac{1}{a} + 0 + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} p = 0.$$

$$\frac{1}{a} = -\frac{1}{c} p. \quad (2)$$

Diff (1) p.w.r.to. 'y' we get

$$0 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0.$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} q = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{a} = -\frac{1}{c} q \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (2) and (3)} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{c} p = -\frac{1}{c} q$$

$p = q$ , which is the required p.d.e.

3. Form the p.d.e by eliminating the constants a and b from  $z = ax^n + by^n$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } z = ax^n + by^n. \quad (1)$$

$$P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = anx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{p}{n} = ax^{n-1}$$

$$\text{Multiply 'x' we get, } \frac{px}{n} = ax^n \quad (2)$$

$$q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = bny^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{q}{n} = by^{n-1}$$

$$\text{Multiply 'y' we get, } \frac{qy}{n} = by^n \quad (3)$$

Substitute (2) and (3) in (1) we get the required p.d.e  $z = \frac{px}{n} + \frac{qy}{n}$

$$zn = px + qy.$$

**Formation of partial differential equations by elimination of arbitrary functions:**

1. Eliminate the arbitrary function  $f$  from  $z = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  and form a partial differential equation.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } z = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad (1)$$

Differentiating (1) p.w.r.to 'x' we get

$$P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\left(\frac{-y}{x^2}\right) \quad (2)$$

Differentiating (1) p.w.r.to y we get

$$q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{(2)}{(3)} \Rightarrow \frac{p}{q} = \frac{-y}{x}$$

$$\therefore px = -qy$$

ie)  $px + qy = 0$  is the required p.d.e.

2. Eliminate the arbitrary functions  $f$  and  $g$  from  $z = f(x+iy) + g(x-iy)$  to obtain a partial differential equation involving  $z, x, y$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given : } z = f(x+iy) + g(x-iy) \quad (1)$$

$$P = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f'(x+iy) + g'(x-iy) \quad (2)$$

$$q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = i f'(x+iy) - i g'(x-iy) \quad (3)$$

$$r = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = f''(x+iy) + g''(x-iy) \quad (4)$$

$$t = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = -f''(x+iy) - g''(x-iy) \quad (5)$$

$r + t = 0$  is the required p.d.e.

3. Form the p.d.e by eliminating arbitrary function  $\phi$  from the relation  $\phi(xyz, x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0$

**Solution:**

The pde is obtained from 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} yz + xyp & 2x + 2zp \\ xz + xyq & 2y + 2zq \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(yz + xyp)(2y + 2zq) - (xz + xyq)(2x + 2zp) = 0$$

## SOLUTION OF PDE

**Complete solution:** A solution which contains as many arbitrary constants as there are independent variables is called a complete integral (or) complete solution. (number of arbitrary constants = number of independent variables)

**Particular solution:** A solution obtained by giving particular values to the arbitrary constants in a complete integral is called a particular integral (or) particular solution.

**General solution:** A solution of a p.d.e which contains the maximum possible number of arbitrary functions is called a general integral (or) general solution.

1. Find the general solution of  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$

**Solution:**

Given 
$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$\text{ie) } \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

Integrating w.r.to 'y' on both sides

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = a \text{ (constants)}$$

$$\text{ie) } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f(x)$$

Again integrating w.r.to 'y' on both sides.

$z = f(x)y + b$  which is the required solution.

### Lagrange's linear equations:

The equation of the form  $Pp + Qq = R$  is known as Lagrange's equation, where P, Q and R are functions of x, y and z. To solve this equation it is enough to solve the subsidiary equations.

$$dx/P = dy/Q = dz/R$$

If the solution of the subsidiary equation is of the form  $u(x, y, z) = c_1$  and  $v(x, y, z) = c_2$  then the solution of the given Lagrange's equation is  $\Phi(u, v) = 0$ .

To solve the subsidiary equations we have two methods:

#### 1 Method of Grouping:

Consider the subsidiary equation  $dx/P = dy/Q = dz/R$ . Take any two members say first two or last two or first and last members. Now consider the first two members  $dx/P = dy/Q$ . If P and Q contain z (other than x and y) try to eliminate it. Now direct integration gives  $u(x, y) = c_1$ . Similarly take another two members  $dy/Q = dz/R$ . If Q and R contain x (other than y and z) try to eliminate it. Now direct integration gives  $v(y, z) = c_2$ . Therefore solution of the given Lagrange's equation is  $\Phi(u, v) = 0$ .

1. Solve  $px + qy = z$

#### Solution:

The Lagrange's eqn is  $Pp + Qq = R$

and the auxilliary eqn. is  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

$$\text{ie } \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z} \quad (1)$$

Taking the first two ratios,

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

Integrating,  $\log x = \log y + \log a$

$$\frac{x}{y} = a \quad (2)$$

Similarly, taking last two ratios of eqn (1),

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

Integrating,  $\log y = \log z + \log b$

$$\frac{y}{z} = b \quad (3)$$

Eqns (2) and (3) are independent solns of (1).

Hence the complete soln of the given eqn. is  $\phi(u,v)=0$

$$\text{ie; } \phi\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}\right) = 0$$

### Method of multiplier's

Choose any three multipliers l, m, n may be constants or function of x, y and z such that

$$\text{in } \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{ldx + mdy + ndz}{lP + mQ + nR}$$

the expression  $lP + mQ + nR = 0$ . Hence  $ldx + mdy + ndz = 0$

[ since each of the above ratios equal to a constant  $\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{ldx + mdy + ndz}{lP + mQ + nR} = k(\text{say})$

$$ldx + mdy + ndz = k(lP + mQ + nR)$$

If  $lP + mQ + nR = 0$  then  $ldx + mdy + ndz = 0$ ]

Now direct integration gives  $u(x, y, z) = c_1$ .

similarly choose another set of multipliers  $l', m', n'$

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{l'dx + m'dy + n'dz}{l'P + m'Q + n'R}$$

the expression  $l'P + m'Q + n'R = 0$

therefore  $l'dx + m'dy + n'dz = 0$  (as explained earlier)

Now direct integration gives  $v(x, y, z) = c_2$ .

Therefore solution of the given Lagrange's equation is  $\Phi(u, v) = 0$ .

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

**Solution:**

The Lagrange's eqn is  $Pp + Qq = R$

and the auxilliary eqn. is  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

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

Taking multipliers as  $x, y, z$ ;

$$\frac{dx}{x(y^2 - z^2)} = \frac{dy}{-y(z^2 + x^2)} = \frac{dz}{z(x^2 + y^2)} = \frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x^2(y^2 - z^2) - y^2(z^2 + x^2) + z^2(x^2 + y^2)} = k(\text{say})$$

$$xdx + ydy + zdz = k(x^2(y^2 - z^2) - y^2(z^2 + x^2) + z^2(x^2 + y^2))$$

$$xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$$

$$\text{Integrating, } \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} = \frac{c}{2}$$

$$\text{ie; } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c$$



$$u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad (1)$$

Again taking the multipliers as  $1/x, -1/y, -1/z,$

$$\frac{dx}{x(y^2 - z^2)} = \frac{dy}{-y(z^2 + x^2)} = \frac{dz}{z(x^2 + y^2)} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{-1}{y} dy + \frac{-1}{z} dz}{(y^2 - z^2) + (z^2 + x^2) - (x^2 + y^2)} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{-1}{y} dy + \frac{-1}{z} dz = k(y^2 - z^2) + (z^2 + x^2) - (x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{-1}{y} dy + \frac{-1}{z} dz = 0$$

Integrating,  $\log x - \log y - \log z = \log C'$

$$\frac{x}{yz} = C'$$

$$v = \frac{x}{yz} \quad (2)$$

solution is  $\phi(x^2 + y^2 + z^2, \frac{x}{yz}) = 0$

**Homogeneous Linear partial differential equations:**

Equation of the form  $a_0 \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^n} + a_1 \frac{\partial^{n-1} z}{\partial x^{n-1} \partial y} + \dots \dots a_n \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial y^n} = F(x, y)$

$F(x, y) = [a_0 D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} D' + a_2 D^{n-2} D'^2 + \dots \dots + a_n D^n]z$

where  $D = \partial/\partial x$  and  $D' = \partial/\partial y$

**Solution of Homogeneous Linear partial differential equations:**

The Complete solution consists of two parts namely complementary function and particular integral.

i.e )  $Z = C.F + P.I$

**To find the Complementary function (C.F.):**

The complementary function is the solution of the equation

$$a_0 D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} D' + a_2 D^{n-2} D'^2 + \dots + a_n D^n = 0.$$

In this equation, put  $D = m$  and  $D' = 1$  then we get an equation, which is called auxiliary equation. Hence the auxiliary equation is

$$a_0 m^n + a_1 m^{n-1} + a_2 m^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0.$$

Let the root of this equation be  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n$ .

**Case 1:** If the roots are real or imaginary and different say  $m_1 \neq m_2 \neq m_3 \neq \dots \neq m_n$ . then the

$$\text{C.F. is } Z = f_1 (y + m_1x) + f_2 (y + m_2x) + \dots + f_n (y + m_nx)$$

**Case 2:** If any two roots are equal, say  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ , and others are different then the C.F. is

$$Z = f_1 (y + mx) + x f_2 (y + mx) + f_3 (y + m_3x) + \dots + f_n (y + m_nx)$$

**Case 3:** If three roots are equal, say  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$ , then the C.F. is

$$Z = f_1 (y + mx) + x f_2 (y + mx) + x^2 f_3 (y + mx) + \dots + f_n (y + m_nx) .$$

**To find the Particular Integral:**

**Rule1:** If  $F(x, y) = e^{ax+by}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{\phi(D, D')} e^{ax+by} \\ &= 1 / \Phi (a, b). e^{ax+by} \text{ provided } \Phi (a, b) \neq 0 \text{ [Replace } D \text{ by } a \text{ and } D' \text{ by } b] \end{aligned}$$

If  $\Phi (a, b) = 0$  refer rule 4.

**Rule2:** If  $F(x, y) = \sin (mx + ny)$  or  $\cos (mx + ny)$  then

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{\phi(D, D')} \sin(mx + ny) \quad \text{or} \quad \cos(mx + ny)$$

Replace  $D^2$  by  $-m^2$ ,  $D'^2$  by  $-n^2$  and  $DD'$  by  $-mn$  in provided the denominator is not equal to zero. If the denominator is zero refer rule 4.

**Rule3:** If  $F(x, y) = x^m y^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{\phi(D, D')} x^m y^n \\ &= [\Phi(D, D')]^{-1} x^m y^n \end{aligned}$$

Expand  $[\Phi(D, D')]^{-1}$  by using binomial theorem and then operate on  $x^m y^n$

**Note:**  $1/D$  denotes integration w.r.t  $x$ ,  $1/D'$  denotes integration w.r.t  $y$ .

**Rule4:** If  $F(x, y)$  is any other function, resolve  $\Phi(D, D')$  into linear factors say  $(D - m_1 D')$

$$(D - m_2 D') \text{ etc. then the P.I.} = \frac{1}{(D - m_1 D')(D - m_2 D')} F(x, y)$$

**Note:1**

$$\frac{1}{(D - mD)} F(x, y) = \int F(x, c - mx) dx, \text{ where } y = c - mx.$$

**Note:2**

If the denominator is zero in rule (1) and (2) then apply Rule (4)

1. Solve  $(D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2)z = 0$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } (D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2)z = 0$$

$$\text{The auxiliary eqn is } m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{ie) } (m-1)^2 = 0$$

$$m = 1, 1$$

The roots are equal.

$$\therefore \text{C.F} = f_1(y+x) + x f_2(y+x)$$

$$\text{Hence } z = \text{C.F}$$

$$z = f_1(y+x) + x f_2(y+x).$$

2. Solve  $(D^4 - D'^4)z = 0$

**Solution:**

Given  $(D^4 - D'^4)z = 0$

The auxiliary equation is  $m^4 - 1 = 0$

[Replace D by m and D' by 1]

Solving  $(m^2 - 1)(m^2 + 1) = 0$

$m^2 - 1 = 0$  ,  $m^2 + 1 = 0$

$m^2 = 1$  ,  $m^2 = -1$

$m = \pm 1$  ,  $m = \pm \sqrt{-1} = \pm i$

ie)  $m = 1, -1, i, -i$

The solution is  $z = f_1(y+x) + f_2(y-x) + f_3(y+ix) + f_4(y-ix)$ .

3. Find the P.I of  $[D^2 + 4DD']y = e^x$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I} &= \frac{1}{D^2 + 4DD'} e^x \\ &= \frac{1}{D^2 + 4DD'} e^{x+0y} \\ &= e^x \left[ \frac{1}{1 + 4(1)(0)} \right] \text{ Replace D by 1 and } D' \text{ by 0} \\ &= e^x . \end{aligned}$$

Solution is  $y = e^x$  .

4. Solve  $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 3 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y^3} = e^{x+2y}$

**Solution:**

The symbolic form is  $(D^3 - 3D^2 D' + 4D'^3)z = e^{x+2y}$

$$\text{A.E is } m^3 - 3m^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$m = -1, 2, 2$$

$$\text{C.F is } z = f_1(y-x) + f_2(y+2x) + x f_3(y+2x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I} &= \frac{1}{D^3 - 3D^2D' + 4D'^3} e^{x+2y} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - (3)(1)(2) + (4)(8)} e^{x+2y} \\ &= \frac{1}{27} e^{x+2y} \end{aligned}$$

The complete solution is

$$z = f_1(y-x) + f_2(y+2x) + x f_3(y+2x) + \frac{1}{27} e^{x+2y}$$

5. Solve  $[D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2] z = \cos(x-3y)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } [D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2] z = \cos(x-3y).$$

The auxiliary equation is  $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$

$$(m-1)^2 = 0$$

$$m = 1, 1$$

$$\text{C.F} = f_1(y+x) + x f_2(y+x).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I} &= \frac{1}{D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2} \cos(x-3y) \\ &= \frac{\cos(x-3y)}{-1 - 2(3) - 9} \\ &= \frac{-1}{16} \cos(x-3y) \end{aligned}$$

∴ The complete solution is  $Z = f_1(y+x) + xf_2(y+x) - \frac{1}{16} \cos(x-3y)$ .

6. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 3 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = x + y$

**Solution:**

The symbolic form is  $[D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2]z = x + y$

A.E is  $m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$

$m = -1, -2$

C.F is  $z = f_1(y-x) + f_2(y-2x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{P.I} &= \frac{1}{D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2} x + y \\
 &= \frac{1}{D^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{3D'}{D} + \frac{2D'^2}{D^2} \right]} x + y \\
 &= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{3D'}{D} + \frac{2D'^2}{D^2} \right]^{-1} x + y \\
 &= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{3D'}{D} + \frac{2D'^2}{D^2} \right) + \dots \right] x + y \\
 &= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{3D'}{D} \right] x + y \\
 &= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ (x + y) - \frac{3D'}{D} (x + y) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{D^2} [(x+y) - 3x] \\
&= \frac{1}{D^2} [y - 2x] \\
&= \frac{1}{D^2} [(x+y) - 3x] \\
&= \frac{1}{D^2} [y - 2x] \\
&= \frac{yx^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

The complete solution is

$$z = f_1(y-x) + f_2(y-2x) + \frac{yx^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3}$$

7. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - 6 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = y \cos x$

**Solution:**

The symbolic form is  $[D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2]z = y \cos x$

A.E is  $m^2 + m - 6 = 0$

$m = -3, 2$

C.F is  $z = f_1(y-3x) + f_2(y+2x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{P.I} &= \frac{1}{D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2} y \cos x \\
&= \frac{1}{(D + 3D')(D - 2D')} y \cos x \\
&= \frac{1}{(D + 3D')} \int (c - 2x) \cos x \, dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} \int [(c-2x)\sin x - \int -2\sin x] dx \\
&= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} [(y+2x-2x)\sin x - 2\cos x] \\
&= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} [y\sin x - 2\cos x] \\
&= \int [(c+3x)\sin x - 2\cos x] dx \\
&= (y-3x+3x)\cos x + 3\sin x - 2\sin x \\
&= -y\cos x + \sin x
\end{aligned}$$

The complete solution is

$$z = f_1(y-3x) + f_2(y+2x) - y\cos x + \sin x$$