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**PDE** - equation relating an unknown f<sup>n</sup> of 2 or more variables to its partial derivatives

look @ linear PDEs, primarily second order

## 20.1 Important Partial Differential Equations

actual variables used to specify position vector  $\vec{r}$  depends on coordinate system in use

Wave Equation  $\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$

describes f<sup>n</sup> of position & time the displacement from equilibrium of a vibrating string or membrane or vibrating liquid, solid, or gas

Diffusion Equation  $\kappa \nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$

describes temp.  $u$  in region containing no heat sources or sinks

Laplace's Equation  $\nabla^2 u = 0$

Poisson's Equation  $\nabla^2 u = \rho(\vec{r})$

Schrodinger's Equation  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 u + V(\vec{r}) u = i\hbar \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$

## 20.2 General Form of Solution

Suppose we have set of f<sup>n</sup>'s involving 2 indpt. variables  $x, y$

consider type of f<sup>n</sup>  $u_i(x, y)$  s.t.  $u_i$  can be written as a f<sup>n</sup> of a single variable  $p$  (itself a f<sup>n</sup> of  $x, y$ )

consider the 3 f<sup>n</sup>'s:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x, y) &= x^4 + 4(x^2y + y^2 + 1) & p &= x^2 + 2y \\ u_2(x, y) &= \sin(x^2) \cos(2y) + \cos(x^2) \sin(2y) & &= p^2 + 4 = f_1(p) \\ u_3(x, y) &= \frac{x^2 + 2y + 2}{3x^2 + 6y + 5} & &= \sin(p) = f_2(p) \\ & & &= \frac{p^2 + 2}{3p^2 + 5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [u_i] = \frac{df_i(p)}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 2x f_i'$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} [u_i] = \frac{df_i(p)}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 2 f_i'$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y} \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = 2x \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} = 2$$

$$\rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} = 2x \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} = x \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y}$$

## 20.3 General and Particular Solutions

not generally true that an  $n$ -th order PDE can always be considered as resulting from elimination of  $n$  arbitrary fns from its solution

given specific PDEs, can try to solve them by seeking combinations of variables in terms of which the sol<sup>ns</sup> may be expressed as arbitrary fns

exact form must be determined by some set of boundary conditions

if PDE contains 2 indep. variables  $x$  &  $y$ , complete determination of solution the boundary conditions will take form equivalent to specifying  $u(x,y)$  along continuum of points in the  $x$ - $y$  plane

### First order equations

most general form:

$$A(x,y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + B(x,y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + C(x,y)u = R(x,y)$$

→ given fns

Find general sol<sup>n</sup> of  $x \frac{du}{dx} + 3u = x^2$

$$\frac{du}{dx} + 3 \frac{1}{x} u = x$$

↙ try  $\cdot x^3$

$$x^3 \frac{du}{dx} + 3 \frac{x^3}{x} u = x^3 \cdot x$$

$$x^3 \frac{du}{dx} + 3x^2 u = x^4$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^3 u] = x^4$$

$$x^3 u = \frac{1}{5} x^5 + f(y)$$

$$u(x,y) = \frac{1}{5} x^2 + \frac{1}{x^3} f(y)$$

When PDE contains partial derivatives wrt both indep variables, things get messy

let's consider case  $R(x,y) = C(x,y) = 0$

$$u(x,y) = f(p)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{df(p)}{dp} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{df(p)}{dp} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$$

substituting into general case we find:  $[A(x,y) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + B(x,y) \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}] \cdot \frac{df(p)}{dp} = 0$

$$A(x,y) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + B(x,y) \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0$$

consider  $p$  is constant

$$dp = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy$$

if  $\frac{dx}{A(x,y)} = \frac{dy}{B(x,y)}$ , can say are the same

For  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - 2y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ ,  
① find sol<sup>n</sup> taking value  $2y$  on line  $x=1$   
② find sol<sup>n</sup> w/ value  $4$  @ point  $(1,1)$

$$A(x,y) = x \quad B(x,y) = -2y$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{-2y}$$

$$\ln(x) = \ln(y^{-2}) + C$$

$$x = y^{-2} + C$$

$$x^2 = y^{-1} \rightarrow p = x^2 y$$

$$u(x,y) = f(x^2 y)$$

①  $u(x,y) = 2(x^2 y) + 1 = 2x^2 y + 1$

②  $u(x,y) = x^2 y + 3$  or  $4x^2 y$  or  $4$

in order to find a sol<sup>n</sup> of form  $u(x,y) = f(p)$ , require original PDE contains no terms in  $u$ , but only terms containing its partial derivatives

if a term  $u$  is present ( $C(x) \neq 0$ ), can't simply divide out dependence on  $f(p)$

look e  $u(x,y) = h(x,y) f(p)$

Find general sol<sup>n</sup> of  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - 2u = 0$

need to have form  $u(x,y) = h(x,y) f(p)$  s.t.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} f(p) + h \frac{df(p)}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} f(p) + h \frac{df(p)}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$$

substituting in

$$x \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} f(p) + h \frac{df(p)}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} f(p) + h \frac{df(p)}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right] - 2hf = 0$$

$$x \frac{dh}{dx} f(p) + xh \frac{df(p)}{dp} \frac{dp}{dx} + 2 \frac{dh}{dy} f(p) + 2h \frac{df(p)}{dp} \frac{dp}{dy} - 2h f(p) = 0$$

$$f(p) \left[ x \frac{dh}{dx} + 2 \frac{dh}{dy} - 2h \right] + \frac{df(p)}{dp} \left[ xh \frac{dp}{dx} + 2h \frac{dp}{dy} \right] = 0$$

$$f(p) \left[ x \frac{dh}{dx} + 2 \frac{dh}{dy} - 2h \right] + \frac{df(p)}{dp} h \left[ x \frac{dp}{dx} + 2 \frac{dp}{dy} \right] = 0$$

Same as original PDE w/  $h=u$  if  $h$  is any sol<sup>n</sup> of PDE, term will vanish

$$x \frac{dp}{dx} + 2 \frac{dp}{dy} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{2}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{A(x,y)}$ 
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{B(x,y)}$

$$\ln(x) = \frac{1}{2}y$$

$$x = ce^{\frac{1}{2}y} \quad c \text{ constant of integration}$$

$$p = x e^{-2y}$$

$$u(x,y) = h(x,y) \cdot f(x e^{-2y})$$

where  $f(p)$  is any arbitrary f<sup>n</sup> of  $p$   
 $\&$   $h(x,y)$  is any sol<sup>n</sup> of PDE

### Inhomogeneous equations and Problems

if  $u(x,y)$  is a sol<sup>n</sup> then so is a multiple of  $u(x,y)$  or any linear sum of separate sol<sup>n</sup>s  $u_1(x,y) + u_2(x,y)$

equation said to be homogeneous if  $u(x,y)$  is a sol<sup>n</sup> implies  $\lambda u(x,y)$  is a sol<sup>n</sup>

also homogeneous if (in addition) if boundary conditions are satisfied by  $u(x,y)$ , so is  $\lambda u(x,y)$

$\rightarrow$  like particular & complementary sol<sup>n</sup> for ODEs

general sol<sup>n</sup> for inhomogeneous problem can be written as sum of any particular sol<sup>n</sup> & general sol<sup>n</sup>

Find general solution of  $y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3x$

consider w/o regard for boundary conditions, let's look @  $y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$

$$A(x,y) = y \quad B(x,y) = -x \quad \frac{dx}{A(x,y)} = \frac{dy}{B(x,y)} \rightarrow \frac{dx}{y} = \frac{dy}{-x}$$

$$\rightarrow -x dx = y dy \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}x^2 = \frac{1}{2}y^2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(y^2 + x^2) = C$$

$$p = 2C = y^2 + x^2$$

find general sol<sup>n</sup>:  $u(x,y) = f(y^2 + x^2)$  for arbitrary f

by inspection:  $u(x,y) = -3y$  as particular sol<sup>n</sup>

$$\rightarrow u(x,y) = f(y^2 + x^2) - 3y$$

for  $u(x,0) = x^2 = f(x^2)$

$$u(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 - 3y$$

for  $u(x,y) = 2$  @  $(1,0)$

$$u(1,0) = f(1) = 2$$

$$u(x,y) = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3y + g(x^2 + y^2)$$

## Second Order Equations

most general second order PDE has form

$$A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + B \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + C \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + E \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + Fu = R(x,y)$$

3 classes

- ① hyperbolic if  $B^2 > 4AC$
- ② parabolic if  $B^2 = 4AC$
- ③ elliptic if  $B^2 < 4AC$

hard stuff, let's deal w/ only complementary  $\rightarrow R(x,y) = 0$

require  $D = E = F = 0$

$$A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + B \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + C \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$\rightarrow$  of form of 1-D wave eq<sup>n</sup>, & 2-D Laplace eq<sup>n</sup>

b/c terms involve 2 differentiations (assuming solution  $u(x,y) = f(p)$ ) may be able to obtain common factor  $\frac{d^2 f(p)}{dp^2}$

consider  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{df(p)}{dp} \frac{dp}{dx}$

won't lead to single term on RHS containing  $f$  as  $\frac{d^2 f(p)}{dp^2}$

$\rightarrow p$  must be linear f<sup>n</sup> of  $x$  & linear to  $y$

assume form  $u(x,y) = f(ax + by)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = a \frac{df(p)}{dp} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = b \frac{df(p)}{dp}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = a^2 \frac{d^2 f(p)}{dp^2} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = ab \frac{d^2 f(p)}{dp^2} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = b^2 \frac{d^2 f(p)}{dp^2}$$

$$\rightarrow (Aa^2 + Bab + Cb^2) \frac{d^2 f(p)}{dp^2} = 0$$

$$Aa^2 + Bab + Cb^2 = 0$$