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Classification of Second order Linear Equation

① Second-order Equations in Two Independent Variables:

The general linear ~~of~~ second-order PDE in one dependent variable u and ~~two~~ independent ~~variables~~ x and y may be written as

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij} u_{x_i x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n B_i u_{x_i} + F u = G$$

in which we assume $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ and $A_{ij}, B_i, F,$ and G are real-valued functions defined in some region A of space (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .

$\rightarrow \begin{cases} x, y \\ u_{xy} = u_{yx} \\ A_{ij} = A_{ji} \end{cases}$

Here we shall be concerned with second-order eqn in dependent variable u and the independent variables x and y . Hence eqn ① can be put in the form

$$\underline{A u_{xx} + B u_{yy} + C u_{xy} + D u_x + E u_y + F u = G}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{R r^2 + S s + T t + P p + Q q + E u = G}$$

where the coefficients are functions of x and y and do not vanish simultaneously.

we shall assume that the function u and the coefficients are twice continuously differentiable in some domain in \mathbb{R}^2 .

$\begin{aligned} r &= u_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\ s &= u_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \\ t &= u_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \\ p &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ q &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$

Classification of 2nd order PDE

The classification of PDE is suggested by the classification of the quadratic eqn of a conic section in analytic geometry.

The eqn of 2nd order PDE

$$A u_{xx} + B u_{xy} + C u_{yy} + D u_x + E u_y + F u = G.$$

represent hyperbola if $B^2 - 4AC > 0$

parabola if $B^2 - 4AC = 0$

ellipse if $B^2 - 4AC < 0$.

After find the type of the eqn, a transformation can be always be found to reduce the given equation to a canonical form in a given domain.

To transform to a canonical form we make a change of independent variables. Let the new variables be —

$$\xi = \xi(x, y), \eta = \eta(x, y).$$

Assuming that ξ and η are twice continuously differentiable and that the Jacobian

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \xi_x & \xi_y \\ \eta_x & \eta_y \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

in the region under consideration, then x and y can be determined uniquely from the new eqn.

Let u and f be twice continuously diffⁿ function of ξ and η . Then

$$u_x = u_\xi \xi_x + u_\eta \eta_x \quad u_y = u_\xi \xi_y + u_\eta \eta_y$$

$$u_{xx} = u_{\xi\xi} \xi_x^2 + 2u_{\xi\eta} \xi_x \eta_x + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_x^2 + u_{\xi\xi} \xi_{xx} + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_{xx}$$

$$u_{xy} = u_{\xi\xi} \xi_x \xi_y + u_{\xi\eta} (\xi_x \eta_y + \xi_y \eta_x) + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_x \eta_y + u_{\xi\xi} \xi_{xy} + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_{xy}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{\xi\xi} \xi_y^2 + 2u_{\xi\eta} \xi_y \eta_y + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_y^2 + u_{\xi\xi} \xi_{yy} + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_{yy}$$

Substituting these values we get

$$A^* u_{\xi\xi} + B^* u_{\xi\eta} + C^* u_{\eta\eta} + D^* u_{\xi} + E^* u_{\eta} + F^* u = G^*$$

where

$$A^* = A \xi_x^2 + B \xi_x \xi_y + C \xi_y^2$$

$$B^* = 2A \xi_x \eta_y + B(\xi_x \eta_y + \xi_y \eta_x) + 2C \xi_y \eta_y$$

$$C^* =$$

$$D^* =$$

$$E^* =$$

$$F^* =$$

$$G^* =$$

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Note: ① If we transform the given PDE

to a new PDE through this transformation the nature of the eqn remains invariant under such transformation.

② The classification of eqn depends on the coefficient $A(x, y)$, $B(x, y)$, and $C(x, y)$ at given point (x, y)

we shall, therefore rewrite eqn as

$$A u_{xx} + B u_{xy} + C u_{yy} = H(x, y, u, u_x, u_y)$$

and eqn as

$$A^* u_{\xi\xi} + B^* u_{\xi\eta} + C^* u_{\eta\eta} = H^*$$

① Canonical forms.

We suppose first the none of A, B, C is zero.

Let ξ, η be new variables s.t the coeff A^*, C^* in the eqn (1) vanish.

$$\text{Then } A^* = A \xi_x^2 + B \xi_x \xi_y + C \xi_y^2 = 0$$

$$C^* = A \eta_x^2 + B \eta_x \eta_y + C \eta_y^2 = 0$$

These two eqns are say type and hence we may write this in the form

~~$$A \xi^2 + B \xi + C = 0$$~~

$$A \alpha_x^2 + B \alpha_x \alpha_y + C \alpha_y^2 = 0$$

In which α stand for either of the function ξ or η .

$$\rightarrow A \left(\frac{\alpha_x}{\alpha_y} \right)^2 + B \left(\frac{\alpha_x}{\alpha_y} \right) + C = 0.$$

Along $\alpha = \text{constant}$.

$$d\alpha = \alpha_x dx + \alpha_y dy = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha_x dx + \alpha_y dy = 0.$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\alpha_x}{\alpha_y}}$$

$$\text{Then } A \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + B \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + C = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow A d^2 + B d + C = 0 \quad \text{when } d = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

These eqns, which are known as the characteristic eqns, which are ODE, a family of curves in the xy-plane along which $\xi = \text{const}$.

The integrals of the eqns are called characteristic curves.

Since the eqns are 1st-order ODE the soln may be written as

$$\phi_1(x, y) = c_1$$

$$\phi_2(x, y) = c_2$$

Hence the transformation

$$\xi = \phi_1(x, y), \eta = \phi_2(x, y)$$

Prob: Find the canonical form of $uxx + x^2 u_{yy} = 0$.

Soln comparing the given eqn

$$A u_{xx} + B u_{xy} + C u_{yy} + D u_x + E u_y + F u = G$$

$$A = 1$$

$$B = 0$$

$$C = x^2$$

$$D = 0$$

$$E = 0$$

$$F = 0$$

$$G = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Now } B^2 - 4AC = 0 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot x^2 = -4x^2 < 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

curve-like

given eqn is elliptic ~~⊗~~ over all $x \in \mathbb{R}, n \neq 0$
parabola for $n = 0$.

For $n \neq 0$ i.e., when eqn is elliptic we calculate characteristic eqn.

$$A \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + B \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + C = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow A d^2 + B d + C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 + 0d + n^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = -n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \pm i n$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = i n$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = i n dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{i n x^2}{2} + \frac{C_1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y - i n x^2 = C_1$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} \xi = 2y - i n x^2 \\ \eta = 2y + i n x^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -i n$$

$$\therefore dy = -i n dx$$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{i n x^2}{2} + C_2$$

$$\therefore 2y + i n x^2 = C_2$$

$$\therefore \xi + \eta = 4y$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{\xi + \eta}{4} \Rightarrow 2y = \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) = \alpha$$

$$-2i n x^2 = \xi - \eta$$

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

$$u(x) = u_\xi \xi_x + u_\eta \eta_x = u_\xi \cdot (-2i n) + u_\eta \cdot (2i n)$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u_\xi \cdot (-2i n)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u_\eta \cdot (2i n))$$

$$= U_{\xi\xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \cdot (-2ix) + (-2ix) U_{\xi\xi} \\ + U_{\eta\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \cdot 2ix + U_{\eta\eta} \cdot 2i$$

$$= 4x^2 U_{\xi\xi} + 2ix U_{\xi\xi} + 4x^2 U_{\eta\eta} \\ + 2i U_{\eta\eta}$$

$$\therefore U_{xx} = -4x^2 U_{\xi\xi} + 4x^2 U_{\eta\eta} - 2ix U_{\xi\xi} + 2i U_{\eta\eta}$$

$$U_{yy} =$$

Ans: $U_{\alpha\alpha} + U_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1}{2\beta} U_{\beta}$

H/W Find the canonical form of

(a) $x^2 U_{xx} + 2xy U_{xy} + y^2 U_{yy} = 0$

(b) $y^2 U_{xx} - x^2 U_{yy} = 0$