

# Formation of Partial Differential Equations

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# 1.

Formation  
of PDE by  
elimination  
of **arbitrary  
constants**

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- ▶ If the number of arbitrary constants to be eliminated is **equal** to the number of independent variables, we obtained a **1<sup>st</sup>** order PDE.

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$$z_y = (x^2 + a^2)(2y) \quad \dots \quad ②$$

$$① \Rightarrow y^2 + b^2 = \frac{z_x}{2x}$$

$$② \Rightarrow x^2 + a^2 = \frac{z_y}{2y}$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{z_y}{2y} \cdot \frac{z_x}{2x} \Rightarrow \boxed{z_x z_y - 4xy z = 0}$$



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- ▶ If the number of arbitrary constants to be eliminated is **more** than the number of independent variables, we get PDE of **2<sup>nd</sup>** or **higher** order.

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$$\text{Diff } \textcircled{1} \text{ w.r.t. } x \Rightarrow 1 + (z-c)z_{xx} + z_x^2 = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{3}$$

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$$\text{Diff } \textcircled{2} \text{ w.r.t. } y \Rightarrow 1 + (z-c)z_{yy} + z_y^2 = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{4}$$

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$$\text{from 3 we get } (z-c) = -\frac{(1+z_x^2)}{z_{xx}}$$

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$$\therefore \frac{(1+z_x^2)}{z_{xx}} = \frac{(1+z_y^2)}{z_{yy}}$$



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$$\therefore \frac{(1+z_x^2)}{z_{xx}} = \frac{(1+z_y^2)}{z_{yy}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(1+z_x^2)z_{yy} - (1+z_y^2)z_{xx} = 0}$$

# 2.

Formation  
of PDE by  
elimination  
of **arbitrary**  
functions

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- ▶ The elimination of **one** arbitrary function from a given relation gives a PDE of **1<sup>st</sup>** order.

$$z = x f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

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$$z = x f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \quad \dots (*)$$

$$z_x = x f'\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) + f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{x}{y} f' + f \quad \dots (1)$$

$$z_y = x f'\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\left(-\frac{x}{y^2}\right) + 0 = -\frac{x^2}{y^2} f' \quad \dots (2)$$

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$$\text{from } (*) \quad f = \frac{z}{x}$$

$$\text{from } (2) \quad f' = -\frac{y^2}{x^2} z_y$$

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$$\text{from } ② \quad f' = -\frac{y^2}{x^2} z_y$$

$$① \Rightarrow z_x = \frac{x}{y} \left(-\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) z_y + \frac{z}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_x = -\frac{y}{x} z_y + \frac{z}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{X z_x + y z_y = z}$$

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- Elimination of **two** arbitrary functions from a given relation give a **2<sup>nd</sup>** or **higher** order PDE.

$$z = x^2 f(y) + y^2 g(x) \quad \dots \quad \textcircled{1}$$

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$$\text{Diff } \textcircled{1} \text{ w.r.t. } x \Rightarrow Z_x = 2x f(y) + y^2 g'(x) \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

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$$\text{Diff } \textcircled{1} \text{ w.r.t. } y \Rightarrow Z_y = x^2 f'(y) + 2y g(x) \quad \dots \textcircled{3}$$

$$\text{Diff } \textcircled{2} \text{ w.r.t. } y \Rightarrow Z_{xy} = 2x f'(y) + 2y g'(x) \quad \dots \textcircled{4}$$

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multiply  $\textcircled{2}$  by  $x$  and  $\textcircled{3}$  by  $y$  and add them together

$$xZ_x + yZ_y = 2x^2 f(y) + xy^2 g'(x) + x^2 y f'(y) + 2y^2 g(x) \quad \dots \textcircled{5}$$

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$$xZ_x + yZ_y = 2x^2 f(y) + xy^2 g'(x) + x^2 y f'(y) + zy^2 g(x) \quad \dots \textcircled{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow xZ_x + yZ_y = \underbrace{2(x^2 f(y) + y^2 g(x))}_{\Downarrow Z} + xy \underbrace{(y g'(x) + x f'(y))}_{\Downarrow \frac{Z_{xy}}{2}}$$



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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2xZ_x + 2yZ_y - xyZ_{xy} = 4Z}$$

# 3.

Formation of PDE  
by elimination of  
arbitrary function  
 $\phi(u,v)=0$

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- ▶ Formation of PDE by eliminating of arbitrary function  $\phi$  from  $\phi(u,v)$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$g\left(\frac{y}{x}, x^2+y^2+z^2\right)=0$$

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$$g(u,v)=0$$

$$u_x = -\frac{y}{x^2}$$

$$u_y = \frac{1}{x}$$

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$$u_y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$v_x = 2x + 2zz_x$$

$$v_y = 2y + 2zz_y$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} u_x & v_x \\ u_y & v_y \end{vmatrix} = 0$$



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$$g(u, v) = 0$$

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$$-\frac{y}{x^2} (2y + 2zz_y) - \frac{1}{x} (2x + 2zz_x) = 0$$

$$g\left(\frac{y}{x}, x^2+y^2+z^2\right)=0$$

$$\text{let } u = \frac{y}{x}, \quad v = x^2+y^2+z^2$$

$$g(u,v)=0$$

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$$-\frac{y}{x^2}(2y+2zz_y) - \frac{1}{x}(2x+2zz_x) = 0$$

$$y(2y+2zz_y) + x(2x+2zz_x) = 0$$

$$g\left(\frac{y}{x}, x^2+y^2+z^2\right)=0$$

$$\text{let } u = \frac{y}{x}, \quad v = x^2+y^2+z^2$$

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$$-\frac{y}{x^2} (2y+2zz_y) - \frac{1}{x} (2x+2zz_x) = 0$$

$$y(2y+2zz_y) + x(2x+2zz_x) = 0$$

$$2y^2 + 2yzz_y + 2x^2 + 2xzz_x = 0 \quad / 2$$

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$$\text{let } u = \frac{y}{x}, \quad v = x^2+y^2+z^2$$

$$g(u,v)=0$$

$$u_x = -\frac{y}{x^2}$$

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$$v_x = 2x + 2zz_x$$

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$$-\frac{y}{x^2}(2y+2zz_y) - \frac{1}{x}(2x+2zz_x) = 0$$

$$y(2y+2zz_y) + x(2x+2zz_x) = 0$$

$$2y^2 + 2yzz_y + 2x^2 + 2xzz_x = 0 \quad / 2$$

$$\boxed{(xz_x + yz_y)z + x^2 + y^2 = 0}$$

# Thank You

Any questions?

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# Lagrange's Linear Equations

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$$P z_x + Q z_y = R$$

where  $P, Q$  and  $R$  are functions of  $x, y$  and  $z$

$$\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$$

*Lagrange's auxiliary equations*

*If  $u = a$  and  $v = b$  are two solutions of Lagrange's auxiliary equations then the solution given by  $\varphi(u, v) = 0$*





# Method of Grouping

Solve  $xz_x + yz_y = z$

$$P=x, Q=y, R=z$$

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

Taking  $\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} \Rightarrow \ln x = \ln y + c$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x}{y} = a}$$

taking  $\frac{dy}{dy} = \frac{dz}{z} \Rightarrow \ln y = \ln z + c$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{y}{z} = b}$

Hence the general solution is  $\phi\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}\right) = 0$

Solve  $\frac{y^2 z}{x} z_x + x z z_y = y^2$

$$\frac{x dx}{y^2 z} = \frac{dy}{x z} = \frac{dz}{y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{y^2 z} = \frac{dy}{x^2 z} = \frac{dz}{x y^2}$$

Taking  $\frac{dx}{y^2 z} = \frac{dy}{x^2 z} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{y^2} = \frac{dy}{x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 dx = y^2 dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^3}{3} = \frac{y^3}{3} + C_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{x^3 - y^3 = a}$$

Taking  $\frac{dx}{y^2z} = \frac{dz}{xy^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{z} = \frac{dz}{x} \Rightarrow x dx = z dz$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{z^2}{2} + C_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 - z^2 = b}$$

∴ The general solution is  $\phi(x^3 - y^3, x^2 - z^2) = 0$

# 2.

Method of  
Multipliers

**Single Multipliers**  
**Double Multipliers**

# Single Multipliers

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- Choose any three multipliers  $(l, m, n)$  may be constants or functions of  $x, y$  and  $z$  we have

$$\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R} = \frac{l dx + m dy + n dz}{lP + mQ + nR}$$



If it is possible to choose  $(l, m, n)$  such that  $lP + mQ + nR = 0$  then

$$ldx + mdy + ndz = 0$$

If  $ldx + mdy + ndz$  is perfect differential of some function, say  $u(x, y, z)$  then  $du = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow u = a$  is the solution.

If  $lP + mQ + nR \neq 0$  for any  $(l, m, n)$  then go to **double multipliers**.

Solve  $(y-z)z_x + (z-x)z_y = x-y$

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

$$\Rightarrow dx+dy+dz=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x+y+z=a}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x dx + y dy + z dz = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} = c \Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = b}$$

∴ The general is  $f(x+y+z, x^2+y^2+z^2)=0$



# Double Multipliers

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- Choose double multipliers  $(l_1, m_1, n_1)$  and  $(l_2, m_2, n_2)$  may be constants or functions of  $x, y$  and  $z$  we have

$$\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R} = \frac{l_1 dx + m_1 dy + n_1 dz}{l_1 P + m_1 Q + n_1 R} = \frac{l_2 dx + m_2 dy + n_2 dz}{l_2 P + m_2 Q + n_2 R}$$

Integrating both sides of

$$\frac{l_1 dx + m_1 dy + n_1 dz}{l_1 P + m_1 Q + n_1 R} = \frac{l_2 dx + m_2 dy + n_2 dz}{l_2 P + m_2 Q + n_2 R}$$

Solve  $(y+z)z_x + (x+z)z_y = x+y$

$$\frac{dx}{y+z} = \frac{dy}{x+z} = \frac{dz}{x+y} \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

Each fraction of  $\textcircled{1} = \frac{dx+dy+dz}{2(x+y+z)} = \frac{dx-dy}{-(x-y)} = \frac{dy-dz}{-(y-z)}$

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

Integrating, we get  $\ln(x-y) = \ln(y-z) + C$

i.e.  $\boxed{\frac{x-y}{y-z} = a}$

Taking  $\frac{dx+dy+dz}{2(x+y+z)} = \frac{dx-dy}{-(x-y)}$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d(x+y+z)}{(x+y+z)} = - \frac{d(x-y)}{(x-y)}$$

Integrating, we get  $\frac{1}{2} \ln(x+y+z) = -\ln(x-y) + C_2$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{x+y+z} (x-y) = b}$$

The general Solution  $\phi\left(\frac{x-y}{y-z}, \sqrt{x+y+z} (x-y)\right) = 0$

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# Solution of PDE by **Direct Integration**

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- ▶ A partial differential equation can be solved by successive integration in all cases where the dependent variable occurs **only** in the partial derivatives.

## Example 1

$$\text{Solve } \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \sin x$$

$$\text{Integrating w.r.t. "x": } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\cos x + f(y)$$

$$\text{Integrating w.r.t. "y": } z = -y \cos x + F(y) + g(x)$$

$$\text{where } F(y) = \int f(y) dy$$

## Example 2

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

Integrating w.r.t. 'x':  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f(y)$

Integrating w.r.t. 'y':  $z = F(y) + g(x)$

### Example 3

$$\text{Solve } \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x + 3y, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 3x + \cos y$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x + 3y, \text{ Integrating w.r.t. } x: z = x^2 + 3xy + f(y)$$

differentiating with respect to  $y$  we get:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 3x + f'(y)$$

but we know that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 3x + \cos y$$

$$\therefore f'(y) = \cos y \Rightarrow f(y) = \sin y + c$$

$$\therefore \boxed{z = x^2 + 3xy + \sin y + c}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} - z = 0; \text{ when } y=0, z=e^x \text{ and } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{-x}$$

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

$$m^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore z = c_1 e^y + c_2 e^{-y}$$

$$\text{When } y=0, z=e^x \Rightarrow e^x = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = c_1 e^y - c_2 e^{-y}$$

$$\text{When } y=0, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{-x} \Rightarrow e^{-x} = c_1 - c_2$$

Now,

$$c_1 + c_2 = e^x$$

$$c_1 - c_2 = e^{-x}$$

$$\textcircled{+} \quad \frac{c_1 + c_2 = e^x}{c_1 - c_2 = e^{-x}} \Rightarrow 2c_1 = e^x + e^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \sinh x$$

Example 4

## Example 4

and

$$c_1 + c_2 = e^x$$

$$c_1 - c_2 = e^{-x}$$

$$\textcircled{-} \frac{\quad}{-2c_2 = e^{-x} - e^x}$$
$$c_2 = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \cosh x$$

$$\therefore z = e^y \sinh x + e^{-y} \cosh x$$

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# Solution of Standard Types of 1<sup>st</sup> Order PDEs

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- ▶ Any solution of PDE in which the number of arbitrary constants is **equal** to the number of independent variables is called the **Complete Integral**.

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- ▶ Any solution obtained from the complete integral by given **particular values** to the arbitrary constants is called a **Particular Integral**.

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- ▶ Any solution obtained from the complete integral by **eliminating** the arbitrary constants is called a **Singular Integral**.

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- ▶ A PDE which involves only 1<sup>st</sup> order partial derivatives  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  is called a first order PDE, and the general form is  $f(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$ .

1.



TYPE I

$$f(p, q) = 0$$

Given  $f(p, q) = 0$  --- ①

Let  $z = ax + by + c$  be a trial solution of equation ①

Then  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = a$  and  $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = b$

From ①, we get  $f(a, b) = 0$

Hence the complete integral of ① is

$$z = ax + by + c$$

Solving for  $b$  from  $f(a, b) = 0$ , we get  $b = \beta(a)$

∴ The Complete integral of ① is

$$Z = ax + \beta(a)y + c \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

Since [number of arbitrary constant  $(a, c)$  = number of independent variables  $(x, y) = 2$ ].

To obtain the singular integral we have to eliminate  $a$  and  $c$  from equation  $Z = ax + \beta(a)y + c$ ,  $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial a} = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial c} = 0$   
i.e.  $Z = ax + \beta(a)y + c$

$$x + \beta'(a)y = 0$$

$$1 = 0$$

The last equation being absurd and hence there is no singular integral

Solve  $\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q} = 1$

$$\text{let } z = ax + by + c, \quad p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = a, \quad q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} = 1 \Rightarrow b = (1 - \sqrt{a})^2$$

∴ The Complete integral is

$$z = ax + (1 - \sqrt{a})^2 y + c$$



# 2.

TYPE II

$$z = px + qy + f(p, q)$$

Suppose a PDE of the form

$$Z = Px + qy + f(p, q)$$

which said to be Clairaut's form

Put  $P=a$  and  $q=b$ , we get

$$Z = ax + by + f(a, b)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary constants.

Complete integral

differentiate  $z = ax + by + f(a, b)$  w.r.t.  $a$  and  $b$   
and then equating to zero, we get

$$x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = 0$$

$$y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} = 0$$

By eliminating  $a$  and  $b$  from the last ~~three~~ equations  
we get the singular integral

Solve  $z = px + qy + p^2 + pq + q^2$

⇒ The general integral is  $z = ax + by + a^2 + ab + b^2$

To find the singular integral, diff w.r.t.  $a$  and  $b$  and equating to zero

$$x + 2a + b = 0 \rightarrow 2a + b = -x$$

$$y + 2b + a = 0 \rightarrow a + 2b = -y$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{3}(y - 2x) \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{1}{3}(x - 2y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3z = xy - x^2 - y^2$$

which is the singular integral

# 3.

TYPE III

$f(z, p, q) = 0$

Given  $f(z, p, q) = 0$  --- ①

Let  $z = f(x+ay)$  be the solution of ①

Put  $x+ay = u$  then

$$z = f(u) \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = a$$

$$p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du}$$

$$q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = a \frac{dz}{du}$$

Substituting in ① we get

$$f\left(z, \frac{dz}{du}, a \frac{dz}{du}\right) = 0$$

This is an ordinary differential equation of 1<sup>st</sup> order  
Solving for  $\frac{dz}{du}$ , we obtained

$$\frac{dz}{du} = g(z, a)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{dz}{g(z, a)} = du$$

$$\text{Integrating } \int \frac{dz}{g(z, a)} = u + C$$

$$\phi(z, a) = u + C$$

$$\text{i.e. } \phi(z, a) = x + ay + C$$

which is the complete integral

$$\text{Solve } q^2 = z^2 p^2 (1 - p^2)$$

TYPE III

Example 3

$$\text{let } z = f(x+ay), \quad u = x+ay \Rightarrow z = f(u), \quad p = \frac{dz}{du} \text{ and } q = a \frac{dz}{du}$$

Substituting in the equation

$$a^2 \left( \frac{dz}{du} \right)^2 = z^2 \left( \frac{dz}{du} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{dz}{du} \right)^2 \right) \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{z^2} = 1 - \left( \frac{dz}{du} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{dz}{du} \right)^2 = \frac{z^2 - a^2}{z^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{du} = \frac{\sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{z} \Rightarrow \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 - a^2}} dz = du$$

$$\text{Integrating } \int \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 - a^2}} dz = \int du, \quad \text{put } z^2 - a^2 = t \Rightarrow 2z dz = dt \\ \Rightarrow z dz = \frac{1}{2} dt$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} = \int du \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} 2\sqrt{t} = u + b \Rightarrow \sqrt{t} = u + b$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{z^2 - a^2} = x + ay + b \text{ which is the Complete integral}$$



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TYPE IV

$$f(x, p) = g(y, q)$$

A first order partial differential equation is called separable if it can be written as  $f(x, p) = g(y, q)$ .

Let  $f(x, p) = g(y, q) = a$ , where  $a$  is an arbitrary constant.  
 $\therefore p(x, p) = a$ ,  $g(y, q) = a$ , Solving for  $p$  and  $q$   
from these two equations we get

$$p = f_1(x, a) \quad \text{and} \quad q = g_1(y, a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } dz &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy \\ &= p dx + q dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore dz = f_1(x, a) dx + g_1(x, a) dy$$

Integrating, we get

$$z = \int f_1(x, a) dx + \int g_1(y, a) dy + b$$

which gives the complete integral.

$$\text{So we } \sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q} = 2x$$

$$\text{let } \sqrt{p} - 2x = -\sqrt{q} = a$$

$$\sqrt{p} - 2x = a \Rightarrow p = (a + 2x)^2 = f_1(x, a)$$

$$-\sqrt{q} = a \Rightarrow q = a^2 = f_2(y, a)$$

$\therefore$  The Complete integral is

$$z = \int f_1(x, a) dx + \int f_2(y, a) dy + b$$

$$z = \int (a + 2x)^2 dx + \int a^2 dy + b$$

$$z = \frac{(a + 2x)^3}{3 \times 2} + a^2 y + b$$

$$z = \frac{(a + 2x)^3}{6} + a^2 y + b$$

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# Charpit's Method

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- ▶ Charpit's method is a general method to solve non-linear PDEs of the 1<sup>st</sup> order. It is used when it is difficult to put the PDE in one of the standard forms.

*Let the given equation be  $f(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$  ... (1)*

*If we succeed to find another relation*

$$F(x, y, z, p, q) = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

*then we can solve (1) and (2) for  $p$  and  $q$*

*Since  $z$  consists of two independent variables  $x$  and  $y$  then*

$$dz = p dx + q dy \quad \dots (3)$$



*For determining  $F$ , differentiate (1) and (2) w.r.t.  $x$  and  $y$  respectively*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} p + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} p + \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(4)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} q + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} q + \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(5)$$

*Eliminating  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$  from the first pair(4), we get*

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\right) p + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\right) \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = 0 \dots(6)$$

*Eliminating  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial y}$  from the second pair(5), we get*

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}\right) q + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}\right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \dots(7)$$

*since  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$ , hence the last terms in (6) and (7) are opposite signs. Adding (6) and (7)*

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + p \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\right) \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + q \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\right) \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} + \left(-p \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - q \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}\right) \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} + \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\right) \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial q}\right) \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \dots(8)$$

*Clearly this Lagrange's equation with  $x, y, z, p, q$  as independent variables and  $F$  as dependent variable, so*



# The Auxiliary Equations

$$\frac{dp}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + p \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}} = \frac{dq}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + q \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}} = \frac{dz}{-p \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - q \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}} = \frac{dx}{-\frac{\partial f}{\partial p}} = \frac{dy}{-\frac{\partial f}{\partial q}} = \frac{dF}{0}$$

Using charpit's method find Complete integral  
of  $Pxy + Pq + qy = z$

## Example 1

$$f(x, y, z, p, q) = Pxy + Pq + qy - z = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

then by charpit's method, the auxiliary equations is

$$\frac{dx}{-f_p} = \frac{dy}{-f_q} = \frac{dz}{-Pf_p - qf_q} = \frac{dP}{f_x + Pf_z} = \frac{dq}{f_y + qf_z} = \frac{d\phi}{0}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{-(xy+q)} &= \frac{dy}{-(p+y)} = \frac{dz}{-p(xy+q)-q(p+y)} = \frac{dP}{Py+P(-y)} = dz \\ &= \frac{dq}{(Px+q-z)+q(-y)} \end{aligned}$$

## Example 1

implying  $dp=0$  or  $p=a$  ----- ②

Putting  $p=a$  in ①,  $axy + aq + qy = yz$

$$q(a+y) = y(z-ax)$$

$$q = \frac{y(z-ax)}{(a+y)} \text{ ----- ③}$$

Also we know that for  $z(x,y)$ ,

$$dz = p dx + q dy$$

----- ④

On substituting the values of  $p$  and  $q$  from ② and ③

## Example 1

$$dz = a dx + \frac{y(z-ax)}{a+y} dy$$

or

$$\frac{dz - a dx}{z - ax} = \left(1 - \frac{a}{a+y}\right) dy$$

Integrating,

$$\ln(z - ax) = y - a \ln(a+y) + C_1$$

$$\boxed{z - ax = b e^y (y+a)^{-a}}$$

Solve the equation  $z^2 = pqxy$

## Example 2

$$z^2 - pqxy = 0 = f(x, y, z, p, q)$$

$$\frac{dx}{-f_p} = \frac{dy}{-f_q} = \frac{dz}{-pf_p - qf_q} = \frac{dp}{f_x + pf_z} = \frac{dq}{f_y + qf_z} = \frac{d\phi}{0}$$

$$\frac{dx}{qxy} = \frac{dy}{pxy} = \frac{dz}{pqxy + qpxy} = \frac{dp}{-pqy + 2pz} = \frac{dq}{-pqx + 2qz} = \frac{d\phi}{0}$$



## Example 2

$$\frac{x dp + p dx}{-pqxy + 2pxz + \cancel{pqxy}} = \frac{y dq + q dy}{\cancel{-pqxy} + 2qzy + \cancel{pqxy}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x dp + p dx}{2pxz} = \frac{y dq + q dy}{2qzy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(xp)}{xp} = \frac{d(yq)}{yq} \Rightarrow \ln px = \ln qy + b$$

$$\Rightarrow px = eqy$$

$$\therefore p = eq \frac{y}{x}$$

## Example 2

Substituting this in the original equation, we get

$$z^2 - \left(cq \frac{y}{x}\right) q y x = 0$$

$$z^2 - cq^2 y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow q^2 = \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{z}{y}\right)^2 \Rightarrow q = b \left(\frac{z}{y}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 - p \left(b \frac{z}{y}\right) xy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 - b x z p = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{z}{x}\right)$$

## Example 2

$$\text{Now } dz = p dx + q dy = \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{z}{x} \right) dx + b \left( \frac{z}{y} \right) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{z} dz = \frac{1}{b} \frac{dx}{x} + b \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln z = \ln x^{1/b} + \ln y^b + e_1$$

$$\Rightarrow z = C x^{1/b} y^b$$

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# Homogeneous Linear Partial Differential Equation

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- ▶ A linear partial differential equation in which all partial derivatives are of the **same order** is called **homogeneous** linear PDE.

A homogeneous linear PDE of  $n^{\text{th}}$  order with constant coefficients is of the form

$$a_0 \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^n} + a_1 \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^{n-1} \partial y} + \cdots + a_n \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial y^n} = F(x, y)$$

where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are constants.

This equation also can be written in the form

$$a_0 D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} D' + \cdots + a_n D'^n = F(x, y)$$

where  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  ,  $D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$   $\rightarrow f(D, D') = F(x, y)$

The particular solution is called the particular integral function and given by:


$$P.I. = \frac{F(x, y)}{f(D, D')}$$

Hence the complete solution

$Z = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$

$$Z = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$$





1.

**Complementary**  
Function

Put  $D = m$  and  $D' = 1$  in  $f(D, D') = 0$

The auxiliary equation  $f(m, 1) = 0$  will be

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

Let the roots of this equation be  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$

### CASE I

If the roots are real (or imaginary) and **distinct**. Then,

$$\text{C.F.} = f_1(y + m_1 x) + f_2(y + m_2 x) + \dots + f_n(y + m_n x)$$

Put  $D = m$  and  $D' = 1$  in  $f(D, D') = 0$

The auxiliary equation  $f(m, 1) = 0$  will be

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

Let the roots of this equation be  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$

### CASE II (a)

If any **two** roots are **equal** (i.e.,  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ ) and others are distinct. Then,

$$\text{C.F.} = f_1(y + mx) + x f_2(y + mx) + f_3(y + m_3 x) + \dots + f_n(y + m_n x)$$

Put  $D = m$  and  $D' = 1$  in  $f(D, D') = 0$

The auxiliary equation  $f(m, 1) = 0$  will be

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

Let the roots of this equation be  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$

### CASE II (b)

If any **three** roots are **equal** (i.e.,  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$ ) and others are distinct. Then,

$$\text{C.F.} = f_1(y + mx) + xf_2(y + mx) + x^2 f_3(y + mx) + f_4(y + m_4 x) + \dots + f_n(y + m_n x)$$

## Example 1

$$\text{Solve } \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 3 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$(D^2 - 3DD' + 2D'^2)z = 0$$

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow m = 1, 2$$

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$$\text{Solve } \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} = 0$$

$$(D^3 - 4D^2D' + 4DD'^2)z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^3 - 4m^2 - 4m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m^2 - 4m - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m-2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 0, 2, 2$$

$$\text{C.F.} = f_1(y+0x) + f_2(y+2x) + x f_3(y+2x)$$

$$\therefore \text{The solution is } z = f_1(y) + f_2(y+2x) + x f_3(y+2x)$$



2.

**Particular** Integral

## TYPE I

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

$$\begin{aligned}\text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{f(D, D')} e^{ax+by} \\ &= \frac{1}{f(a, b)} e^{ax+by}, \text{ provided } f(a, b) \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

If  $f(a, b) = 0$ , then

$$\text{P.I.} = x \frac{1}{f'(D, D')} e^{ax+by}$$



### Example 3

$$\text{Solve } (D^2 - D'^2)z = e^{x+2y}$$

$$m^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$(m-1)(m+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1, -1$$

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

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - D'^2} e^{x+2y}$$

$$\boxed{a=1, b=2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-4} e^{x+2y} = -\frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

$$\therefore \text{The complete solution } z = f_1(y+x) + f_2(y-x) - \frac{1}{3} e^{x+2y}$$

## Example 4

$$\text{Solve } (D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2)z = e^x \cosh y$$

$$m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$$

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$$= \frac{1}{D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2} e^x \left( \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2} (e^{x+y} + e^{x-y})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{6} e^{x+y} + x \frac{1}{-1} e^{x-y} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{6} e^{x+y} - x e^{x-y} \right]$$

The Complete Solution = C.F. + P.I.

## TYPE II

If  $F(x, y) = \sin(ax + by)$ , then

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} \sin(ax + by)$$

Replace  $D^2$  by  $-a^2$ ,  $D'^2$  by  $-b^2$  and  $DD'$  by  $-ab$

If  $f(D, D') = 0$ , then

$$\text{P.I.} = x \frac{1}{f'(D, D')} \sin(ax + by)$$

Similar formal for  $F(x, y) = \cos(ax + by)$

$$\text{Solve } (D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)z = \cos(2x+y)$$

Example 5

$$m^2 + m - 6 = 0$$
$$(m-2)(m+3) = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = 2, m_2 = -3$$

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$$\text{PI.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2} \cos(2x+y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{-4 - 2 + 6} \cos(2x+y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{0} \cos(2x+y)$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} D^2 = -4 \\ D'^2 = -1 \\ DD' = -2 \end{array}}$$

## Example 5

$$\therefore \text{P.I} = X \frac{1}{2D+D'} \cos(2x+y)$$

$$= X \frac{2D-D'}{4D^2-D'^2} \cos(2x+y)$$

$$= X \frac{2D-D'}{-16+1} \cos(2x+y) = -\frac{X}{15} [2D-D'] \cos(2x+y)$$

$$= -\frac{X}{15} (-4\sin(2x+y) + \sin(2x+y))$$

$$= \frac{X}{5} \sin(2x+y)$$

The Complete Solution  $z = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$

## Example 6

Solve  $(D^3 + D^2 D' - D D'^2 - D'^3)z = 3 \sin(x+y)$

$$m^3 + m^2 - m - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1, -1, -1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} m^2 + 2m + 1 \\ m-1 \overline{) m^3 + m^2 - m - 1} \\ \underline{m^3 - m^2} \phantom{- 1} \\ 2m^2 - m - 1 \\ \underline{2m^2 - 2m} \phantom{- 1} \\ m - 1 \\ \underline{m - 1} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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## Example 6

$$P.I = \frac{1}{D^3 + D^2 D' - D D'^2 - D'^3} 3 \sin(x+y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{-D - D' + D - D'} 3 \sin(x+y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{0} 3 \sin(x+y)$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} D^2 = -1 \\ D'^2 = -1 \end{array}}$$

$$\therefore P.I = x \frac{1}{3D^2 + 2DD' - D'^2} 3 \sin(x+y)$$

$$= x \frac{1}{-3 - 2 + 1} 3 \sin(x+y)$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} D^2 = -1 \\ D'^2 = -1 \\ DD' = -1 \end{array}}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{4} x \sin(x+y)$$

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### TYPE III

If  $F(x, y) = x^m y^n$ , then

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

Expand  $[f(D, D')]^{-1}$  in ascending powers of  $D, D'$  and then operate on  $x^m y^n$ .

**Note:** if  $m > n$ , then try to write  $f(D, D')$  as a function of  $\frac{D'}{D}$  and if  $m < n$  try to write it as a function of  $\frac{D}{D'}$

**Note:**  $\frac{1}{D}$  denotes integration w.r.t.  $x$  and  $\frac{1}{D'}$  denotes integration w.r.t.  $y$ .



## Example 7

$$\text{Solve } (D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2) = x^2y^2$$

$$m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$$

$$(m+1)(m+2) = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = -1, m_2 = -2$$

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$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2} x^2y^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2 \left[ 1 + 3 \frac{D'}{D} + 2 \frac{D'^2}{D^2} \right]} x^2y^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ 1 + \left( 3 \frac{D'}{D} + 2 \frac{D'^2}{D^2} \right) \right]^{-1} x^2y^2$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

## Example 7

$$= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ 1 - \left( 3 \frac{D'}{D} + 2 \frac{D'^2}{D^2} \right) + \left( \frac{3D'}{D} + \frac{2D'^2}{D^2} \right)^2 - \dots \right] x^2 y^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ 1 - 3 \frac{D'}{D} - 2 \frac{D'^2}{D^2} + \frac{9D'^2}{D^2} \right] x^2 y^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ 1 - 3 \frac{D'}{D} + 7 \frac{D'^2}{D^2} \right] x^2 y^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2} \left[ x^2 y^2 - \frac{3}{D} (2x^2 y) + \frac{7}{D^2} (2x^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2} (x^2 y^2) - \frac{1}{D^3} (6x^2 y) + \frac{1}{D^4} (14x^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} x^4 y^2 - \frac{1}{10} x^5 y + \frac{7}{180} x^6$$

Note

$$\frac{1}{D^n} x^m = \frac{x^{m+n}}{(m+1)(m+2)\dots(m+n)}$$

## Example 8

$$\text{Solve } (D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)z = x + y^2$$

$$m^2 + 4m - 5 = 0$$

$$(m + 5)(m - 1) = 0$$

$$m_1 = -5, m_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = f_1(y - 5x) + f_2(y - x)$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2} (x + y^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{-5D'^2 \left( -\frac{D^2}{5D'} - \frac{4D}{5D'} + 1 \right)} (x + y^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{-5D'^2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{4D}{5D'} + \frac{D^2}{5D'} \right) \right]^{-1} (x + y^2)$$

## Example 8

$$= -\frac{1}{5D^{1/2}} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{4D}{5D'} + \frac{D^2}{5D'} \right) + \left( \frac{4D}{5D'} + \frac{D^2}{5D'} \right)^2 \dots \right] (x+y^2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5D^{1/2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{4D}{5D'} \right] (x+y^2) = -\frac{1}{5D^{1/2}} \left[ x+y^2 + \frac{4}{5D'} (x+y^2) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{D^{1/2}} (x) + \frac{1}{5D^{1/2}} (y^2) + \frac{4}{5} \frac{1}{D^{1/3}} (1)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{xy^2}{2} + \frac{y^4}{12} + \frac{2y^3}{15} \right)$$

The Complete Solution  $z = C.F. + P.I$

## TYPE IV

If  $F(x, y) = e^{ax+by} \varphi(x, y)$  , then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{f(D, D')} e^{ax+by} \varphi(x, y) \\ &= e^{ax+by} \frac{1}{f(D+a, D'+b)} \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

## Example 9

$$\text{Solve } (D^2 - 4DD' + 4D'^2)z = e^{x-2y} \cos(2x-y)$$

$$m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = m_2 = 2$$

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

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4DD' + 4D'^2} e^{x-2y} \cos(2x-y)$$

$$= e^{x-2y} \frac{1}{(D+1)^2 - 4(D+1)(D'-2) + 4(D'-2)^2} \cos(2x-y)$$

$$= e^{x-2y} \frac{1}{D^2 + 10D - 4DD' - 20D' + 4D'^2 + 25} \cos(2x-y)$$

$$= e^{x-2y} \frac{1}{-4 + 10D - 8 - 20D' - 4 + 25} \cos(2x-y)$$

## Example 9

$$= e^{x-2y} \frac{1}{10D - 20D' + 9} \cos(2x-y)$$

$$= e^{x-2y} \frac{((10D - 20D') - 9) \cos(2x-y)}{(10D - 20D')^2 - 81}$$

$$= e^{x-2y} \frac{(10D - 20D' - 9) \cos(2x-y)}{100D^2 - 400DD' + 400D'^2 - 81}$$

$$= e^{x-2y} \frac{(10D - 20D' - 9) \cos(2x-y)}{-400 - 800 - 400 - 81}$$

$$= \frac{-e^{x-2y}}{1681} (-20 \sin(x-y) - 20 \sin(2x-y) - 9 \cos(2x-y))$$

$$= \frac{e^{x-2y}}{1681} (40 \sin(2x-y) + 9 \cos(2x-y))$$

The Complete Solution  $z = C.F. + P.I.$

## TYPE V

If  $F(x, y)$  is any function, resolve  $f(D, D')$  into linear factors say  $(D - m_1 D')$ ,  $(D - m_2 D')$ , ...,  $(D - m_n D')$

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

$$\frac{1}{D + mD'} F(x, y) = \int F(x, c + mx) dx, \text{ Where } y = c + mx$$



Solve  $(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)z = y \cos x$

## Example 10

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$$(m+3)(m-2) = 0$$

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$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2} y \cos x$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D-2D')(D+3D')} y \cos x$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-2D'} \int (c+3x) \cos x dx \quad \text{where } y = c+3x$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-2D'} [(c+3x) \sin x + 3 \cos x]$$

## Example 10

$$= \frac{1}{D-2D'} [(y-3x) \sin x + 3 \cos x] \quad \rightarrow c=y-3x$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-2D'} (y \sin x + 3 \cos x)$$

$$= \int [(C_1 - 2x) \sin x + 3 \cos x] dx \quad \text{where } y = C_1 - 2x$$

$$= [(C_1 - 2x)(-\cos x) - (-2)(-\sin x)] + 3 \sin x$$

$$= -(C_1 - 2x) \cos x - 2 \sin x + 3 \sin x$$

$$= -y \cos x + \sin x$$

and  $z = C.I. + P.I.$

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and initial conditions (IC) for  $0 \leq x \leq L$

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- it can be positive, or
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Case I  $k=0$

In this case equation (5) and (6) reduce to

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 $\Rightarrow X'' - \lambda^2 X = 0$  and  $T'' - c^2 \lambda^2 T = 0$

Giving rise to Solutions

$$X(x) = Ae^{\lambda x} + Be^{-\lambda x}$$

$$T(t) = Ce^{c\lambda t} + De^{-c\lambda t}$$

Therefore

$$u(x,t) = (Ae^{\lambda x} + Be^{-\lambda x})(Ce^{c\lambda t} + De^{-c\lambda t})$$

Using boundary condition  $u(0,t) = 0$

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Using boundary Condition  $u(L, t) = 0$

$$(Ae^{\lambda L} - Ae^{-\lambda L})(Ce^{\lambda t} + De^{-\lambda t}) = 0$$

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The  $t$  part of the Solution cannot be zero as it will lead to a trivial Solution. Then we must have

$$A(e^{\lambda L} - e^{-\lambda L}) = 0$$

which leads to  $A = 0$  as  $\lambda \neq 0$

$k > 0$  also gives rise to trivial Solution and also rejected.

Case III  $K < 0$ , let  $K = -\lambda^2$  for some  $\lambda > 0$

$$\Rightarrow X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad T'' + c^2 \lambda^2 T = 0$$

giving rise to solutions

$$X(x) = A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x$$

$$T(t) = C \cos(c\lambda t) + D \sin(c\lambda t)$$

Hence

$$u(x,t) = (A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x)(C \cos(c\lambda t) + D \sin(c\lambda t))$$

Using boundary condition  $u(0,t) = 0$ ,  $\boxed{A=0}$

Using boundary condition  $u(L,t) = 0$ ,

$$B \sin \lambda x = 0$$

$B \neq 0$  as that will lead to a trivial solution

Hence we must have

$$\sin \lambda L = 0$$

which give us

$$\boxed{\lambda = \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

These  $\lambda_n$ 's are called eigenvalues and note that corresponding to each  $n$  there will be an eigenfunction

According, the Solution is

$$u(x, t) = (A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x)(C \cos(c\lambda t) + D \sin(c\lambda t))$$

$$= \sin \lambda_n x (B_n C \cos(c\lambda_n t) + B_n D \sin(c\lambda_n t))$$

$$= \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \left( A_n \cos \frac{n\pi c t}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi c t}{L} \right)$$

$$= u_n(x, t)$$

The solution corresponding to each eigenvalue is called an eigenfunction.

Since the wave equation is linear and homogeneous, any linear combination will also be a solution.

Hence, we can expect the solution in the following form

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x,t)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left[ A_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \right] \quad \dots (7)$$



Using the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

This series can be recognized as the half-range sine expansion of a function  $\phi(x)$  defined in the range  $(0, L)$ .

$A_n$  can be obtained by multiplying the last equation by  $\sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$  and integrating with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $L$ .

Therefore 
$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \phi(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Here, we have used the fact that

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = L$$



To use the other initial condition  $u_t(x,0) = \psi(x)$ , we need to differentiate (7) w.r.t.  $t$  to get

$$u_t(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left( \frac{n\pi c}{L} \right) \left[ -A_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + B_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \right]$$

Then

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \frac{n\pi c}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Similarly

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L \psi(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now, Consider the infinite Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left[ A_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \right]$$

with

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$$A + B = 0 \Rightarrow A = -B$$

Using boundary Condition  $u(L, t) = 0$

$$(Ae^{\lambda L} - Ae^{-\lambda L})(Ce^{\lambda t} + De^{-\lambda t}) = 0$$

$$A(Ae^{\lambda L} - e^{-\lambda L})(Ce^{\lambda t} + De^{-\lambda t}) = 0$$

The  $t$  part of the Solution cannot be zero as it will lead to a trivial Solution. Then we must have

$$A(e^{\lambda L} - e^{-\lambda L}) = 0$$

which leads to  $A = 0$  as  $\lambda \neq 0$

$k > 0$  also gives rise to trivial Solution and also rejected.

Case III  $K < 0$ , let  $K = -\lambda^2$  for some  $\lambda > 0$

$$\Rightarrow X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad T'' + c^2 \lambda^2 T = 0$$

giving rise to solutions

$$X(x) = A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x$$

$$T(t) = C \cos(c\lambda t) + D \sin(c\lambda t)$$

Hence

$$u(x,t) = (A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x)(C \cos(c\lambda t) + D \sin(c\lambda t))$$

Using boundary condition  $u(0,t) = 0$ ,  $\boxed{A=0}$

Using boundary condition  $u(L,t) = 0$ ,

$$B \sin \lambda x = 0$$

$B \neq 0$  as that will lead to a trivial solution

Hence we must have

$$\sin \lambda L = 0$$

which give us

$$\boxed{\lambda = \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

These  $\lambda_n$ 's are called eigenvalues and note that corresponding to each  $n$  there will be an eigenfunction

According, the Solution is

$$u(x, t) = (A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x)(C \cos(c\lambda t) + D \sin(c\lambda t))$$

$$= \sin \lambda_n x (B C \cos(c\lambda_n t) + B D \sin(c\lambda_n t))$$

$$= \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \left( A_n \cos \frac{n\pi c t}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi c t}{L} \right)$$

$$= u_n(x, t)$$

The solution corresponding to each eigenvalue is called an eigenfunction.

Since the wave equation is linear and homogeneous, any linear combination will also be a solution.

Hence, we can expect the solution in the following form

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x,t)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left[ A_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \right] \quad \dots (7)$$



Using the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

This series can be recognized as the half-range sine expansion of a function  $\phi(x)$  defined in the range  $(0, L)$ .

$A_n$  can be obtained by multiplying the last equation by  $\sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$  and integrating with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $L$ .

Therefore 
$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \phi(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Here, we have used the fact that

$$\int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = L$$

To use the other initial condition  $u_t(x,0) = \psi(x)$ , we need to differentiate (7) w.r.t.  $t$  to get

$$u_t(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left( \frac{n\pi c}{L} \right) \left[ -A_n \sin \frac{n\pi c t}{L} + B_n \cos \frac{n\pi c t}{L} \right]$$

Then

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \frac{n\pi c}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Similarly

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L \psi(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now, Consider the infinite Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left[ A_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \right]$$

with

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \phi(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n=1,2,3,\dots$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L \psi(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad n=1,2,3,\dots$$



# 2.

**One Dimensional**  
Heat Flow

## One Dimensional Heat Flow

Let  $u(x,t)$  denote the temperature at position  $x$  and time  $t$  in a long, thin rod of length  $L$  that runs from  $x=0$  to  $x=L$ . Assume that the sides of the rod are insulated so heat energy neither enters nor leaves the rod through its sides. Also assume that heat energy is neither created nor destroyed in the interior of the rod. Then  $u(x,t)$  obeys the heat eq.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{for all } 0 < x < L, \text{ and } t > 0$$

This equation is called (The Heat Equation (one Space Dim))

$$\text{B.C. } \begin{cases} u(0,t) = 0 & \text{for all } t > 0 \\ u(L,t) = 0 & \text{for all } t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{I.C. } u(x,0) = f(x) \quad \text{for all } 0 < x < L$$

Find the Solution to the heat Conduction problem

$$4 u_t = u_{xx}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2 \quad t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

$$u(2, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - \sin(\pi x) + 4 \sin(2\pi x) \\ = f(x)$$

$$\text{Let } u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 X(x)T'(t) = X''(x)T(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \frac{T'}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} = \lambda$$

where  $\lambda$  is constant

$$0 = u(0, t) = X(0)T(t) \Rightarrow X(0) = 0$$

$$0 = u(2, t) = X(2)T(t) \Rightarrow X(2) = 0$$

(Since  $T(t)$  won't be 0 for all  $t$ )

$\therefore X(0) = X(2) = 0$  are the BCs

$$\text{Now, } T' = \frac{\lambda}{4} T \Rightarrow \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\lambda}{4} T \Rightarrow \frac{dT}{T} = \frac{\lambda}{4} dt$$

Integrating both sides

$$\int \frac{dT}{T} = \frac{\lambda}{4} \int dt \Rightarrow \ln T = \frac{\lambda}{4} t + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow T = C_1 e^{\lambda t/4}$$

and  $X'' = \lambda X$  with  $X(0) = X(2) = 0$

There are 3 cases  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$ , and  $\lambda < 0$

$$\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow T(t) = Ce^{\lambda t/4} \rightarrow \infty \text{ at } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = X(x)e^{\lambda t/4} \rightarrow \infty$$

and  $\lambda > 0$  would suggest the the temperature  $u \rightarrow \infty$  which doesn't make sense.

$$\text{Set } \lambda = k^2 > 0 \Rightarrow X'' - k^2 X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - k^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r_{1,2} = \pm k$$

$$\therefore X(x) = C_1 e^{kx} + C_2 e^{-kx}$$

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = -C_2$$

$$X(2) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 e^{2k} + C_2 e^{-2k} = 0$$

$$C_1(e^{2k} - e^{-2k}) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Trivial Solution



$$\begin{aligned}\lambda = 0 \quad X'' = 0 &\Rightarrow X = AX + B \\ X(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = B \Rightarrow X(x) = AX \\ X(2) = 0 &\Rightarrow 0 = 2A \Rightarrow A = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Trivial Solution}\end{aligned}$$

$\lambda < 0$ , Set  $\lambda = -k^2 < 0$

$$X'' + k^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + k^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i k$$

$$\Rightarrow X(x) = C_1 e^{i k x} + C_2 e^{-i k x}$$

$$\text{or } X(x) = C_1 \sin(kx) + C_2 \cos(kx)$$

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 \sin(0) + C_2 \cos(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$$X(2) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 \sin(2k) = 0$$

Since  $\sin(\theta)$  has roots at  $\theta = n\pi$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

the second condition tells us that  $2k = n\pi$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{n\pi}{2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus we have our eigenfunctions with eigenvalues  $\lambda < 0$ :

$$\lambda_n = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2$$

$$X_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$$u_n(x,t) = X_n(x) T_n(t) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 t}{16}\right)$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 t}{16}\right)$$

we solve for the  $b_n$  using the initial condition. That is,

$$u(x,0) = f(x) \text{ so}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

which is a Fourier sine series. we exploit orthogonality of the sines, that is

$$\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ L/2 & m = n \end{cases}$$

where  $L = 2$ ,

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_0^2 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

Since  $L = 2$ . Now here  $f(x) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - \sin(\pi x) + 4 \sin(2\pi x)$

$$b_n = \int_0^2 \left( 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - \sin(\pi x) + 4 \sin(2\pi x) \right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$b_n = 2 \underbrace{\int_0^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx}_{(1)} - \underbrace{\int_0^2 \sin(\pi x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx}_{(2)} + 4 \underbrace{\int_0^2 \sin(2\pi x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx}_{(3)}$$

$$\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ L/2 & m = n \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = 2 \left( \int_0^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx - \int_0^2 \sin(\pi x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + 4 \int_0^2 \sin(2\pi x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \right)$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \begin{cases} 1 & n=1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{2} = \begin{cases} 1 & n=2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{3} = \begin{cases} 1 & n=4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So then

$$b_1 = 2 \int_0^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx - 0 + 0 = 2$$

$$b_2 = 0 - \int_0^2 \sin(\pi x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + 0 = -1$$

$$b_4 = 0 + 4 \int_0^2 \sin(2\pi x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx = 4$$

$$b_n = 0 \text{ if } n \neq 1, 2, 4$$

we can now re-write our solution

$$u(x,t) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{16}t\right) - \sin(\pi x) \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{4}t\right) \\ - \sin(2\pi x) \exp(-\pi^2 t)$$

# Thank You

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# Introduction to **Laplace Transform**

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**Definition:** Given a function  $f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , its Laplace transform  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$  is defined as

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \doteq \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \doteq \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

We say the transform converges if the limit exists, and diverges if not.

Next we will give examples on computing the Laplace transform of given functions by definition.

## Example 1

Example 1.  $f(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A e^{-st} \cdot 1 \, dt = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^A$$

$$= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{s} [e^{-sA} - 1] = \frac{1}{s}, \quad (s > 0)$$

Example 2.  $f(t) = e^{at}$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A e^{-(s-a)t} dt$$

$$= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{s-a} e^{-(s-a)t} \Big|_0^A = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{s-a} (e^{-(s-a)A} - 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s-a}, \quad (s > a)$$

Example 3.  $f(t) = t^n$ , for  $n \geq 1$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(s) &= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A e^{-st} t^n dt \\
 &= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ t^n \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \Big|_0^A - \int_0^A \frac{n t^{n-1} e^{-st}}{-s} dt \right\} \\
 &= 0 + \frac{n}{s} \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A e^{-st} t^{n-1} dt = \frac{n}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\}, \quad \forall n,$$

## Example 3

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}\{t^n\}} = \frac{n}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\}, \quad \forall n,$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\} = \frac{n-1}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-2}\}, \quad \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-2}\} = \frac{n-2}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-3}\}, \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\} = \frac{n}{s} \frac{(n-1)}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-2}\}$$

$$= \frac{n}{s} \frac{(n-1)}{s} \frac{(n-2)}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-3}\}$$

$$= \dots = \frac{n}{s} \frac{(n-1)}{s} \frac{(n-2)}{s} \dots \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}\{1\}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{s^n} \frac{1}{s} = \boxed{\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}}, \quad (s > 0)$$

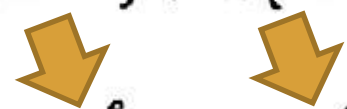
## Example 4

**Example 4.** Find the Laplace transform of  $\sin at$  and  $\cos at$ .

Method 1. Compute by definition, with integration-by-parts, twice. (lots of work...)

Method 2. Use the Euler's formula

$$e^{iat} = \cos at + i \sin at, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}\{e^{iat}\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos at\} + i\mathcal{L}\{\sin at\}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{iat}\} = \frac{1}{s - ia} = \frac{1(s + ia)}{(s - ia)(s + ia)} = \frac{s + ia}{s^2 + a^2} = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} + i\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$$


**Example 5.** Find the Laplace transform of

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$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t < 2, \\ t - 2, & 2 \leq t. \end{cases}$$

We do this by definition:

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \int_0^2 e^{-st} dt + \int_2^{\infty} (t - 2) e^{-st} dt \\ &= \left. \frac{1}{-s} e^{-st} \right|_{t=0}^2 + (t - 2) \left. \frac{1}{-s} e^{-st} \right|_{t=2}^{\infty} - \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{-s} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{-s} (e^{-2s} - 1) + (0 - 0) + \frac{1}{s} \left. \frac{1}{-s} e^{-st} \right|_{t=2}^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{-s} (e^{-2s} - 1) + \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-2s} \end{aligned}$$



# Properties of Laplace Transform



1. Linearity:  $\mathcal{L}\{c_1f(t) + c_2g(t)\} = c_1\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} + c_2\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}.$

2. First derivative:  $\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = s\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - f(0).$

3. Second derivative:  $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\} = s^2\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - sf(0) - f'(0).$

4. Higher order derivative:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0).$$

5.  $\mathcal{L}\{-tf(t)\} = F'(s)$  where  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}.$  This also implies  $\mathcal{L}\{tf(t)\} = -F'(s).$

6.  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s-a)$  where  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}.$  This implies  $e^{at}f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s-a)\}.$

## Example 1

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}t^n\} = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}.$$

## Example 2

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \sin bt\} = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\sin bt\} = \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$$

## Example 3

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos bt\} = \frac{s - a}{(s - a)^2 + b^2}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos bt\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$$

## Example 4

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^3 + 5t - 2\} = \mathcal{L}\{t^3\} + 5\mathcal{L}\{t\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{3!}{s^4} + 5\frac{1}{s^2} - 2\frac{1}{s}.$$

## Example 5

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^3 + 5t - 2\} = \mathcal{L}\{t^3\} + 5\mathcal{L}\{t\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{3!}{s^4} + 5\frac{1}{s^2} - 2\frac{1}{s}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{2t}(t^3 + 5t - 2)\} = \frac{3!}{(s-2)^4} + 5\frac{1}{(s-2)^2} - 2\frac{1}{s-2}.$$

## Example 6

$$\mathcal{L}\{(t^2 + 4)e^{2t} - e^{-t} \cos t\} = \frac{2}{(s-2)^3} + \frac{4}{s-2} - \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2 + 1},$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^2 + 4\} = \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{4}{s}, \quad \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{(t^2 + 4)e^{2t}\} = \frac{2}{(s-2)^3} + \frac{4}{s-2}.$$

## Example 7

$$\mathcal{L}\{te^{at}\} = -\left(\frac{1}{s-a}\right)' = \frac{1}{(s-a)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$



$$\mathcal{L}\{t \sin bt\} = - \left( \frac{b}{s^2 + b^2} \right)' = \frac{-2bs}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t \cos bt\} = - \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2} \right)' = \dots = \frac{s^2 - b^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}.$$



# Inverse of Laplace Transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t), \quad \text{if} \quad F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

## Example 1

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{s^2 + 4} \right\}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} \right\} = \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2 + 2^2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \sin 2t.$$

## Example 2

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{(s+5)^4} \right\}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{(s+5)^4} \right\} = \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3!}{(s+5)^4} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} e^{-5t} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3!}{s^4} \right\} = \frac{1}{3} e^{-5t} t^3.$$

## Example 3

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+1}{s^2+4} \right\}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2+4} \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2+4} \right\}$$

$$= \cos 2 + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t.$$

## Example 4

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+1}{s^2-4} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+1}{(s-2)(s+2)} \right\}$$

$$\frac{s+1}{(s-2)(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s+2}, \quad A = 3/4, \quad B = 1/4.$$

$$= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3/4}{s-2} + \frac{1/4}{s+2} \right\} = \frac{3}{4}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t}.$$



# Table of LT

$f(t) \text{ for } t \geq 0$	$\hat{f} = \mathcal{L}(f) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$
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$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \ (n = 0, 1, \dots)$

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$t^a$	$\frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{s^{a+1}} \ (a > 0)$
$\sin bt$	$\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$

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# Solutions of IVP's Using Laplace Transform

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First derivative:  $\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = s\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - f(0).$

Second derivative:  $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\} = s^2\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - sf(0) - f'(0).$

Higher order derivative:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0).$$





**Example 1**

## Example 1

Solve the initial value problem by Laplace transform,

$$y'' - 3y' - 10y = 2, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2.$$

Step 1. Take Laplace transform on both sides: Let  $\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = Y(s)$ , and then

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'(t)\} = sY(s) - y(0) = sY - 1,$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\} = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) = s^2Y - s - 2.$$

Note the initial conditions are the first thing to go in!

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\} - 3\mathcal{L}\{y'(t)\} - 10\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{2\},$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2Y - s - 2 - 3(sY - 1) - 10Y = \frac{2}{s}.$$

Now we get an algebraic equation for  $Y(s)$ .

Step 2: Solve it for  $Y(s)$ :

$$(s^2 - 3s - 10)Y(s) = \frac{2}{s} + s + 2 - 3 = \frac{s^2 - s + 2}{s},$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{s^2 - s + 2}{s(s - 5)(s + 2)}.$$

Step 3: Take inverse Laplace transform to get  $y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\}$ .

The main technique here is **partial fraction**.

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{s^2 - s + 2}{s(s - 5)(s + 2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s - 5} + \frac{C}{s + 2} \\ &= \frac{A(s - 5)(s + 2) + Bs(s + 2) + Cs(s - 5)}{s(s - 5)(s + 2)}. \end{aligned}$$

## Example 1

Compare the numerators:

$$s^2 - s + 2 = A(s - 5)(s + 2) + Bs(s + 2) + Cs(s - 5).$$

The previous equation holds for all values of  $s$ .

Set  $s = 0$ : we get  $-10A = 2$ , so  $A = -\frac{1}{5}$ .

Set  $s = 5$ : we get  $35B = 22$ , so  $B = \frac{22}{35}$ .

Set  $s = -2$ : we get  $14C = 8$ , so  $C = \frac{4}{7}$ .

$$\frac{s^2 - s + 2}{s(s - 5)(s + 2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s - 5} + \frac{C}{s + 2}$$

## Example 1

Now,  $Y(s)$  is written into sum of terms which we can find the inverse transform:

$$y(t) = A\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} + B\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-5}\right\} + C\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+2}\right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{22}{35}e^{5t} + \frac{4}{7}e^{-2t}.$$

# Example 2

## Example 2

$$y'' + y = \cos 2t, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

$$s^2 Y - 2s - 1 + Y = \mathcal{L}\{\cos 2t\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$(s^2 + 1)Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + 2s + 1 = \frac{2s^3 + s^2 + 9s + 4}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{2s^3 + s^2 + 9s + 4}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{As + B}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 4}.$$

$$2s^3 + s^2 + 9s + 4 = (As + B)(s^2 + 4) + (Cs + D)(s^2 + 1).$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{7}{3} \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{7}{3} \cos t + \sin t - \frac{1}{3} \cos 2t.$$

$$B = 1, A = \frac{7}{3}.$$

$$D = 0, C = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

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# Solving PDEs Using Laplace Transform

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# Introduction

Given a function  $u(x, t)$  defined for all  $t > 0$  and assumed to be bounded we can apply the Laplace transform in  $t$  considering  $x$  as a parameter.

$$L(u(x, t)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u(x, t) dt \equiv U(x, s)$$

In applications to PDEs we need the following:

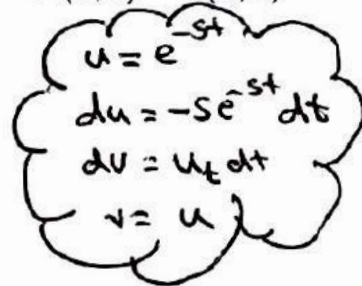
$$L(u_t(x, t)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u_t(x, t) dt = e^{-st} u(x, t) \Big|_0^{\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u(x, t) dt = sU(x, s) - u(x, 0)$$

so we have

$$L(u_t(x, t)) = sU(x, s) - u(x, 0)$$

In exactly the same way we obtain

$$L(u_{tt}(x, t)) = s^2 U(x, s) - su(x, 0) - u_t(x, 0).$$



Handwritten notes in a cloud shape:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= e^{-st} \\ du &= -s e^{-st} dt \\ dv &= u_t dt \\ v &= u \end{aligned}$$

We also need the corresponding transforms of the  $x$  derivatives:

$$L(u_x(x, t)) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} u_x(x, t) dt = U_x(x, s)$$

$$L(u_{xx}(x, t)) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} u_{xx}(x, t) dt = U_{xx}(x, s)$$



# 1D Wave Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t) + \sin(\pi x), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad u(1, t) = 0.$$

Taking the Laplace transform and applying the initial conditions we obtain

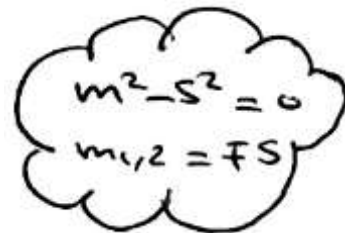
$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2}(x, s) = s^2 U(x, s) - su(x, 0) - u_t(x, 0) - \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{s} = s^2 U(x, s) - \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{s}.$$

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2}(x, s) - s^2 U(x, s) = -\frac{\sin(\pi x)}{s}$$

$$U(x, s) = U_h(x, s) + U_p(x, s)$$

$$U_h(x, s) = c_1 e^{sx} + c_2 e^{-sx}$$

$$U_p(x, s) = A \cos(\pi x) + B \sin(\pi x).$$



$$m^2 - s^2 = 0$$

$$m_{1,2} = \pm s$$

$$U_p(x, s) = A \cos(\pi x) + B \sin(\pi x).$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}U_p(x, s) = -\pi A \sin(\pi x) + \pi B \cos(\pi x),$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}U_p(x, s) = -\pi^2 A \cos(\pi x) - \pi^2 B \sin(\pi x).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}U_p(x, s) - s^2U_p(x, s) \\ &= (-\pi^2 - s^2)[A \cos(\pi x) + B \sin(\pi x)] \\ &= -\frac{\sin(\pi x)}{s}. \end{aligned}$$

$$-(s^2 + \pi^2)A = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad -(s^2 + \pi^2)B = -\frac{1}{s},$$

$$A = 0, \quad B = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + \pi^2)}.$$

$$U_p(x, s) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{s(s^2 + \pi^2)}$$

$$U(x, s) = c_1 e^{sx} + c_2 e^{-sx} + \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{s(s^2 + \pi^2)}.$$

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad u(1, t) = 0.$$

Next we apply the BCs to find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

$$0 = U(0, s) = c_1 + c_2, \quad \text{and} \quad 0 = U(1, s) = c_1 e^s + c_2 e^{-s}$$

which implies  $c_1 = 0$  and  $c_2 = 0$ . So we arrive at

$$U(x, s) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{s(s^2 + \pi^2)}.$$

Finally we apply the inverse Laplace transform to obtain

$$u(x, t) = L^{-1}(U(x, s)) = L^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s(s^2 + \pi^2)} \right) \sin(\pi x)$$

$$\frac{1}{s(s^2 + \pi^2)} = \frac{a}{s} + \frac{bs + c}{(s^2 + \pi^2)} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{(s^2 + \pi^2)} \right)$$



$$= \frac{1}{\pi^2} L^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{(s^2 + \pi^2)} \right) \sin(\pi x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi^2} (1 - \cos(\pi t)) \sin(\pi x).$$

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