

## § First order semilinear equations

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

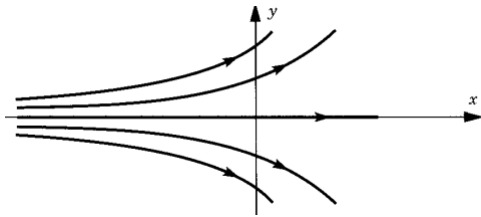
$$\frac{dx}{a} = \frac{dy}{b} = \frac{du}{c} \dots \text{characteristic equation}$$

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§ 解釋  $u_x + yu_y = 0 \dots (1)$

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Itself asserts that the directional derivative in the direction of the vector  $(1, y)$  is zero.

The curves in the  $xy$  plane with  $(1, y)$  as tangent vectors have slope  $y$ . Their

$$\text{equations are } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{1}$$

The ODE has the solution  $y = Ce^x$

These curves are called the characteristic curves of the PDE (1)

As  $C$  is changed, the curves fill out the  $xy$  plane perfectly without intersecting.

On each of the curves  $u(x, y)$  is a constant because

$$\frac{d}{dx}u(x, Ce^x) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + Ce^x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u_x + yu_y = 0.$$

Thus,  $u(x, Ce^x) = u(0, Ce^0) = u(0, C)$  is independent of  $x$ .

Putting  $y = Ce^x$  and  $C = e^{-x}y$ , we have  $u(x, y) = u(0, e^{-x}y)$

It follows that  $u(x, y) = f(e^{-x}y)$  is the general solution of this PDE.

$$P(x, y, z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + Q(x, y, z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = R(x, y, z)$$

曲面  $z=z(x, y)$ ,  $(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}, -1)$  是曲面的法向量

$z=f(x, y)$ ,  $X=(x, y, f(x, y))$  then  $X_x = (1, 0, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x})$ ,  $X_y = (0, 1, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y})$ ,

$$X_x \times X_y = (-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, 1) \dots \text{微分幾何是這麼做的}$$

則  $(P, Q, R)$  與曲面的法向量垂直，所以落在切平面上，在切線方向。在曲面上的

點， $\langle dx, dy, dz \rangle$  在通過該點的切線方向，所以  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

上式為兩聯立常微分方程 設其解為

$$\begin{cases} u(x, y, z) = c_1 \\ v(x, y, z) = c_2 \end{cases}$$

原方程式的解為  $F(u, v) = 0$

1. 解  $x^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = (x+y)z$

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

$$-\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = c_1$$

$$\frac{dx-dy}{x^2-y^2} = \frac{dz}{(x+y)z}, \quad \frac{d(x-y)}{x-y} = \frac{dz}{z} \Rightarrow \frac{x-y}{z} = c_2$$

General solution 為  $F\left(\frac{x-y}{xy}, \frac{x-y}{z}\right) = 0$

又  $\frac{z}{xy} = \frac{c_1}{c_2} = c_3$ , general solution 為  $F_2\left(\frac{x-y}{z}, \frac{z}{xy}\right) = 0$

2. 解  $(x^2 - y^2 - z^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2xz$

3. 解  $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + t \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = xyt \quad F\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{t}{y}, xyt\right) = \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow$

§ 解  $y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1$

$$\frac{dx}{y} = \frac{dy}{-x} = \frac{du}{1}$$

$$\frac{dx}{y} = \frac{dy}{-x} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = c$$

$$\frac{dy}{-x} = \frac{du}{1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{-\sqrt{c-y^2}} = \frac{du}{1} \Rightarrow u = -\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{c-y^2}}$$

let  $y = \sqrt{ct}$ ,  $\sqrt{c-y^2} = \sqrt{c}\sqrt{1-t^2}$

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{c-y^2}} = \int \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} = \sin^{-1} t = \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{\sqrt{c}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$u(x, y) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} + F(c) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} + F(x^2 + y^2)$$

## Examples

$$1. \text{ 解 } \begin{cases} u_x + xu_y = 0, x, y \in R \\ u|_{x=0} = \sin y, y \in R \end{cases} \quad u(x, y) = \sin\left(y - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$

$$2. \text{ 解 } \begin{cases} u_x + xu_y = 0 \\ u|_{y=0} = f(x) \end{cases}$$

$$3. \text{ 解 } xu_x + yu_y = xe^{-u} \text{ with } u(x, y) = 0 \text{ on } y = x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x) \text{ has an integration factor } \mu(x) = \exp\left(\int p(x)dx\right)$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{du}{xe^{-u}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x}y = 0 \text{ has an integration factor } \mu(x) = \exp\left(\int \frac{-1}{x}dx\right) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = c, \dots$$

$$4. \text{ 解 } 2xyu_x + (x^2 + y^2)u_y = 0 \text{ with } u(x, y) = \exp\left(\frac{x}{x-y}\right) \text{ on } x+y=1$$

$$\frac{dx}{2xy} = \frac{dy}{x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)dx - 2xydy = 0$$

$$M = x^2 + y^2, N = -2xy \Rightarrow \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = -\frac{2}{x}$$

$$\text{The integration factor is } \mu(x) = \exp\int \frac{-2}{x}dx = x^{-2} \text{ 可解出}$$

$$x - \frac{y^2}{x} = c \Rightarrow u(x, y) = f\left(\frac{x^2 - y^2}{x}\right)$$

$$\text{On } x+y=1, u(x, y) = f\left(\frac{x-y}{x}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{x}{x-y}\right) \Rightarrow f(\xi) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right)$$

$$\text{Thus, } u(x, y) = \exp\left(\frac{x}{x^2 - y^2}\right)$$

$$5. \text{ 解 } u_x + 3u_y - 2u_z = u \text{ with } u(0, y, z) = f(y, z)$$

6. 解  $y u_x + x u_y + u_z = 0$  with  $u(x, y, 0) = f(x, y)$

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### EXERCISES

1. Solve the first-order equation  $2u_t + 3u_x = 0$  with the auxiliary condition  $u = \sin x$  when  $t = 0$ .
2. Solve the equation  $3u_y + u_{xy} = 0$ . (*Hint: Let  $v = u_y$ .*)
3. Solve the equation  $(1 + x^2)u_x + u_y = 0$ . Sketch some of the characteristic curves.
4. Check that (7) indeed solves (4).
5. Solve the equation  $xu_x + yu_y = 0$ .
6. Solve the equation  $\sqrt{1 - x^2}u_x + u_y = 0$  with the condition  $u(0, y) = y$ .
7. (a) Solve the equation  $yu_x + xu_y = 0$  with  $u(0, y) = e^{-y^2}$ .  
(b) In which region of the  $xy$  plane is the solution uniquely determined?
8. Solve  $au_x + bu_y + cu = 0$ .
9. Solve the equation  $u_x + u_y = 1$ .
10. Solve  $u_x + u_y + u = e^{x+2y}$  with  $u(x, 0) = 0$ .
11. Solve  $au_x + bu_y = f(x, y)$ , where  $f(x, y)$  is a given function. If  $a \neq 0$ , write the solution in the form

$$u(x, y) = (a^2 + b^2)^{-1/2} \int_L f ds + g(bx - ay),$$

where  $g$  is an arbitrary function of one variable,  $L$  is the characteristic line segment from the  $y$  axis to the point  $(x, y)$ , and the integral is a line integral. (*Hint: Use the coordinate method.*)

12. Show that the new coordinate axes defined by (3) are orthogonal.
13. Use the coordinate method to solve the equation

$$u_x + 2u_y + (2x - y)u = 2x^2 + 3xy - 2y^2.$$

6.  $u(x, y) = y - \sin^{-1} x$

7. (a)  $u(x, y) = e^{x^2 - y^2}$  (b)

8.  $u(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{c}{a}x + \phi(bx - ay)\right)$

$$u(x, y) = \exp\left(-c(ax + by)/(a^2 + b^2)\right) f(bx - ay)$$

9.  $u(x, y) = x + \phi(x - y)$

10.  $u(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}e^{x+2y} - \frac{1}{4}e^{x-2y}$

11. Coordinate method :

Let  $\xi = ax + b, \eta = bx - a$ , then

$$u_x = au_\xi + bu_\eta, u_y = bu_\xi - au_\eta$$

$$au_x + bu_y = (a^2 + b^2)u_\xi$$

Thus the solution is  $u = f(\eta) = f(bx - ay)$

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12.

1. 解下列各偏微分方程式.

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

(2)  $y^2 z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - x^2 z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^2 y$

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

(4)  $(x^2 - y^2 - z^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2xz$

(5)  $a \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + b \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + cz = 0$ ,  $a$  與  $b$  皆不為 0

2. 解  $(x-a) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + (y-b) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = z - c$ , 並求滿足此偏微分方程式且通過  $xy$ -平面上曲線  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$  的曲面方程式, 其中  $a, b, c$  及  $r$  皆為常數.

3. 求滿足  $x^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + z^2 = 0$  且通過平面  $z=1$  上雙曲線  $xy=x+y$  的曲面方程式.

4. 解  $(y-z) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (z-x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (x-y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .