

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (302) - EXERCISES 6

First order partial differential equations

1. Find the general solution of the equation $u_x + 2xy^2u_y = 0$, $x, y > 0$.
2. Find the solution of the equation $xu_x + 2xe^y u_y + u = 0$, $x, y > 0$,
subject to the initial condition $u(x, 0) = x$.
3. Find the solution of the partial differential equation
$$(x + 1)u_x + (2x + 3)y u_y = 0, \quad x, y > 0,$$
which satisfies the condition $u(0, y) = y^2$.

Second order partial differential equations: classification and canonical form

4. Classify each of the following equations as hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic:
 - (i) $u_{xx} - u_{xy} - 2u_{yy} = 0$, $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^2$,
 - (ii) $2u_{xx} + 4u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} - 5u = 0$, $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^2$,
 - (iii) $yu_{xx} - 2u_{xy} + e^x u_{yy} - 5u = 0$, $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^2$.

5. Classify the equation

$$u_{xx} + 6u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} + 3u_x + 9u_y = 0$$

as hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic.

Show that a set of characteristic coordinates is given by $\xi = 3x - y$, $\eta = x$.

Using these coordinates, transform the equation to canonical form and thus find its general solution.

6. Show that the equation

$$u_{xx} - (x - 1)u_{xy} - xu_{yy} - u_x + xu_y = 0, \quad x > 0, \quad -\infty < y < \infty,$$

is hyperbolic and find the equations of the characteristics.

Define a set of characteristic coordinates and transform the equation to canonical form.