

Math 456-556

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Home Work No. 1. Solutions

1. Determine, which equations are linear:

(a)

$$u_t + x u_x + u_{xxx} = 0$$

(b)

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + u = 0 \quad (\text{Klein - Gordon equation})$$

(c)

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \sin u = 0 \quad (\text{Sine - Gordon equation})$$

(d)

$$S_x^2 + S_y^2 = u(x, y) \quad (\text{Eikonal equation})$$

(e)

$$\phi_t \phi_x + \phi \phi_{xt} + \phi_x^2 + \phi \phi_{xx} = 0$$

(f)

$$u_t + u u_x = u_{xx} \quad (\text{Burgers equation})$$

(g)

$$u_{xy} = e^u \quad (\text{Poincare equation})$$

Equations (a), (b) are linear. All others - nonlinear. However, equations (e), (f) can be transformed to linear ones by a certain change of variables and equation (g) can be reduced to the ODE.

(e). Suppose, $u = \phi \phi_x$. Equation (e) reads

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

(f). In the Burgers equation substitution (Cole-Hopf ansatz)

$$u = -\frac{2}{\phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

leads to the linear equation

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$$

(g). Equation is essentially nonlinear but can be reduced to ODE by the certain change of variables. Let

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln V_x & e^u &= V_x \\ u_y &= \frac{V_{xy}}{V_x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u_y &= V_x & u_y &= V \\ V_{xy} &= V V_x & &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V^2 \\ V_y &= \frac{1}{2} V^2 + f(y) \end{aligned}$$

Function $f(y)$ is an arbitrary function on y . It is a so-called Riccachi equation.

2. Find general solutions of the following linear first order equations:

(a)

$$x u_x + y u_y = 0$$

(b)

$$x u_x - y u_y = 0$$

(c)

$$x u_y + y u_x = 0$$

(d)

$$x u_y - y u_x = 0$$

(a).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y}{x} & \frac{dy}{y} &= \frac{dx}{x} \\ y &= cx & c &= \frac{y}{x} \text{ is integral} \\ u &= f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

So, f is an arbitrary function.

(b).

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x} \quad \frac{dy}{y} + \frac{dx}{x} = 0 \quad xy = c$$
$$u = f(xy)$$

(c).

$$xu_y + yu_x = 0 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} \quad x^2 - y^2 = c$$
$$f = f(x^2 - y^2)$$

(d).

$$xu_y - yu_x = 0 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$
$$u = f(x^2 + y^2)$$

3. Solve the following equation:

$$u_x + u_y + u = e^{x+2y}$$

if $u(x, 0) = 0$.

$$u_x + u_y + u = e^{x+2y} \quad u = u_1 + u_2$$
$$u_1 = \frac{1}{4}e^{x+2y}$$

is a particular solution of the inhomogeneous equation.

$$u_{2x} + u_{2y} + u_2 = 0, \quad u_2 = e^{-x}\phi$$

$$\phi_x + \phi_y = 0, \quad \phi = f(x - y)$$

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

$$u|_{y=0} = 0 \quad f(x) = -\frac{1}{4}e^{2x}$$

Finally:

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

4. Solve problems 1,2,4 on page 31 of Strauss textbook.

(1.6.1 a)

$$u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} + u_{yy} + 2u_y + 4y = 0$$

$$a_{11} = 1 \quad a_{22} = 1 \quad a_{12} = 2$$

$$a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}^2 = -3 \quad (\text{hyperbolic})$$

(1.6.1 b)

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

$$a_{11} = 9 \quad a_{22} = 1 \quad a_{12} = 3$$

This is a parabolic equation

$$u_x + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^2 u = 0$$

(1.6.2)

$$(1+x)u_{xx} + 2xyu_{xy} - y^2u_{yy} = 0$$

$$a_{11} = 1+x \quad a_{12} = xy \quad a_{22} = -y^2$$

$$a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}^2 = -y^2(1+x) - x^2y^2 = -y^2(1+x+x^2) < 0$$

This equation is hyperbolic everywhere but the real axis $y = 0$.

(1.6.4)

$$u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} + 4u_{yy} = 0$$

$$a_{11} = 1 \quad a_{22} = 4 \quad a_{12} = 2$$

$$\Delta = 1 \cdot 4 - 4 = 0$$

This equation can be written as follow

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 u = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) (f(y+2x) + xg(y+2x)) = g(y+2x)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) g(y+2x) = 0$$

5. Show that

$$u = \sin nx \cos ny + 2 \cos mx \sin my$$

satisfies the equation

$$u_{xx} - u_{yy} = 0$$

$$u_{xx} - u_{yy} = 0$$

$$u = \sin nx \cos ny + 2 \cos mx \sin my$$

$$u_{xx} = -n^2 \sin nx \cos ny - 2m^2 \cos mx \sin my$$

$$u_{yy} = -n^2 \sin nx \cos ny - 2m^2 \cos mx \sin my$$

$$u_{xx} = u_{yy}$$