

SECTION 1.3

Problem 1

$$3yu_x - 2xu_y = 0$$

(a) $u(x, y) = x^2$ on the line $y = x$

(b) $u(x, y) = 1 - x^2$ on the line $y = -x$

(c) $u(x, y) = 2x$ on the ellipse $3y^2 + 2x^2 = 4$

Solution

$$3yu_x - 2xu_y = 0 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Characteristics Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{3y}$$

$$3ydy + 2xdx = 0$$

$$\frac{3y^2}{2} + x^2 = c_1$$

$$3y^2 + 2x^2 = c_2 = \psi(x, y)$$

Transformation

$$u(x, y) = \omega(\xi, \eta)$$

$$\xi = x \quad \eta = 3y^2 + 2x^2$$

$$\xi_x = 1 \quad \xi_y = 0$$

$$\eta_x = 4x \quad \eta_y = 6y$$

$$u_x = \omega_\xi \xi_x + \omega_\eta \eta_x = \omega_\xi + 4x\omega_\eta$$

$$u_y = \omega_\xi \xi_y + \omega_\eta \eta_y = 0 + 6y\omega_\eta$$

substitute for u_x and u_y in equation 1

$$3y(\omega_\xi + 4x\omega_\eta) - 2x(6y\omega_\eta) = 0$$

$$3y\omega_\xi + 12xy\omega_\eta - 12xy\omega_\eta = 0$$

$$3y\omega_\xi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_\xi = 0$$

Integrate, we have

$$\omega = f(\eta)$$

Transformation

$$u(x, y) = \omega(\xi, \eta) = f(\eta)$$

$$u(x, y) = f(3y^2 + 2x^2)$$

∴ The general solution is

$$u(x, y) = f(3y^2 + 2x^2)$$

where f is a differentiable function of one variable.

(a) Now $u(x, y) = x^2$ on the line $y = x$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, x) = x^2 = f(3x^2 + 2x^2) = f(5x^2)$$

$$\therefore f(5x^2) = x^2$$

$$\text{let } t = 5x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{t}{5}$$

$$\therefore f(t) = \frac{t}{5}$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = \frac{3y^2 + 2x^2}{5}$$

(b) $u(x, y) = 1 - x^2$ on the line $y = -x$

$$u(x, -x) = 1 - x^2 = f(3x^2 + 2x^2) = f(5x^2)$$

$$\therefore f(5x^2) = 1 - x^2.$$

$$\text{let } t = 5x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{t}{5}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(t) = 1 - \frac{t}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore u(x, y) &= 1 - \frac{3y^2 + 2x^2}{5} \\ &= \frac{5 - 3y^2 + 2x^2}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \quad u(x, y) = 2x \text{ on the ellipse } 3y^2 + 2x^2 = 4$$

$$u(x, y) = u\left(x, \pm\sqrt{\frac{4-2x^2}{3}}\right) = 2x$$

$$f = (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(4) = 2x.$$

This is impossible because $2x$ is not constant.

Hence there is no solution on the ellipse

$$3y^2 + 2x^2 = 4.$$

Problem 2

$$u_x - 6u_y = y$$

$$(a) \quad u(x, y) = e^x \text{ on the } y = -6x + 2$$

$$(b) \quad u(x, y) = 1 \text{ on the parabola } y = -x^2$$

$$(c) \quad u(x, y) = -4x \text{ on the line } y = -6x$$

Solution

$$u_x - 6u_y = y \dots \dots (2)$$

Characteristic Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6}{1}$$

$$dy = -6dx$$

Integrate, we have

$$y + 6x = c = \psi(x, y)$$

Transformation

$$u(x, y) = \omega(\xi, \eta)$$

$$\xi = x, \quad \eta = y + 6x$$

$$\xi_x = 1 \quad \xi_y = 0$$

$$\eta_x = 6x \quad \eta_y = 1$$

$$u_x = \omega_\xi \xi_x + \omega_\eta \eta_x = \omega_\xi + 6\omega_\eta$$

$$u_y = \omega_\xi \xi_y + \omega_\eta \eta_y = 0 + \omega_\eta$$

substitute into (1)

$$\omega_\xi + 6\omega_\eta - 6\omega_\eta = y$$

$$\omega_\xi = y = \eta - 6\xi$$

$$\omega_\xi = \eta - 6\xi$$

Integrate, we have

$$\omega = \eta\xi - 3\xi^2 + g(\eta)$$

$$u(x, y) = \omega(\xi, \eta) = (y + 6x)x - 3x^2 + g(y + 6x)$$

$$u(x, y) = xy + 6x^2 - 3x^2 + g(y + 6x)$$

$$= xy + 3x^2 + g(y + 6x)$$

$$= x(y + 3x) + g(y + 6x)$$

∴ The general solution is

$$u(x, y) = x(y + 3x) + g(y + 6x)$$

where g is a differentiable function of one variable.

(a) $u(x, y) = e^x$ on the $y = -6x + 2$

$$u(x, -6x + 2) = e^x = x(-6x + 2 + 3x) + g(-6x + 2 + 6x)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x = x(-3x + 2) + g(2)$$

$$\therefore g(2) = e^x - x(-3x + 2)$$

This is impossible because $e^x - x(2 - 3x)$

is not constant. Hence there is no solution

on the line $y = -6x + 2$.

(b) $u(x, y) = 1$ on the parabola $y = -x^2$

$$u(x, -x^2) = 1 = x(-x^2 + 3x) + g(-x^2 + 6x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = x^2(3 - x) + g(6x - x^2)$$

$$\therefore g(6x - x^2) = 1 + x^3 - 3x^2$$

$$\text{let } t = 6x - x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + t$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4t}}{2} = 3 \pm \sqrt{9 - t}$$

$$\therefore x = 3 + \sqrt{9 - t} \text{ or } 3 - \sqrt{9 - t}$$

$$\therefore g(t) = 1 + (3 + \sqrt{9-t})^3 - 3(3 + \sqrt{9-t})^2$$

or

$$g(t) = 1 + (3 - \sqrt{9-t})^3 - 3(3 - \sqrt{9-t})^2$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = x(y + 3x) + 1 + (3 + \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^3 - 3(3 + \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^2$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = 1 + x(y + 3x) + (3 + \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^2 + (3 + \sqrt{9 - y - 6x} - 3)$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = 1 + x(y + 3x) + (3 + \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^2 (\sqrt{9 - y - 6x})$$

Similarly,

$$\text{for } g(t) = 1 + (3 - \sqrt{9-t})^3 - 3(3 - \sqrt{9-t})^2$$

$$u(x, y) = x(y + 3x) + 1 + (3 - \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^3 - 3(3 - \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^2$$

$$u(x, y) =$$

$$x(y + 3x) + 1 + (3 - \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^2 (3 - \sqrt{9 - y - 6x} - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, y) = 1 + x(y + 3x) + (3 - \sqrt{9 - y - 6x})^2 (-\sqrt{9 - y - 6x})$$

$$(c) u(x, y) = -4x \text{ on the line } y = -6x$$

$$u(x, -6x) = -4x = x(-6x + 3x) + g(-6x + 6x)$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x = x(-3x) + g(0)$$

$$-4x = -3x^2 + g(0)$$

$$\therefore g(0) = 3x^2 - 4x$$

This is impossible because $3x^2 - 4x$ is not constant. Hence there is no solution on the line $y = -6x$.

Problem 3

$$4u_x + 8u_y - u = 1$$

(a) $u(x, y) = \cos(x)$ on the line $y = 3x$

(b) $u(x, y) = x$ on the line $y = 2x$

(c) $u(x, y) = 1 - x$ on the curve $y = x^2$

Solution

$$4u_x + 8u_y - u = 1 \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Characteristic equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

$$dy = 2dx$$

integrate

$$y - 2x = c = \psi(x, y)$$

Transformation

$$u(x, y) = \omega(\xi, \eta)$$

$$\xi = x, \quad \eta = y - 2x$$

$$\xi_x = 1 \quad \xi_y = 0$$

$$\eta_x = -2 \quad \eta_y = 1$$

$$u_x = \omega_\xi \xi_x + \omega_\eta \eta_x = \omega_\xi - 2\omega_\eta$$

$$u_y = \omega_\xi \xi_y + \omega_\eta \eta_y = 0 + \omega_\eta$$

substitute into (3)

$$4(\omega_\xi - 2\omega_\eta) + 8(\omega_\eta) - \omega = 1$$

$$4\omega_\xi - 8\omega_\eta + 8\omega_\eta - \omega = 1$$

$$4\omega_\xi - \omega = 1$$

$$\omega_\xi - \frac{\omega}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

Integrating factor $K(\xi)$

$$K(\xi) = e^{\int -1/4 d\xi} = e^{-\xi/4}$$

Multiply (4) by $K(\xi)$

$$e^{-\xi/4} \omega_\xi - e^{-\xi/4} \frac{\omega}{4} = \frac{e^{-\xi/4}}{4}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} (\omega e^{-\xi/4}) = e^{-\xi/4} \frac{\omega}{4}$$

Integrate

$$\omega e^{-\xi/4} = -4e^{-\xi/4} + g(\eta)$$

$$= -e^{-\xi/4} + g(\eta)$$

$$\therefore \omega = -1 + e^{\xi/4} g(\eta)$$

$$u(x, y) = \omega(\xi, \eta) = -1 + e^{\xi/4} + g(\eta)$$

$$u(x, y) = -1 + e^{x/4} + g(y - 2x)$$

The general solution is $u(x, y) = -1 + e^{x/4} g(y - 2x)$

where g is a differentiable function of one variable

(a) $u(x, y) = \cos(x)$ on the line $y = 3x$

$$u(x, 3x) = -1 + e^{x/4} g(3x - 2x) = \cos x$$

$$-1 + e^{x/4} g(x) = \cos x$$

$$\therefore g(x) = (1 + \cos x) e^{-x/4}$$

let $x = t$

$$g(t) = (1 + \cos t) e^{-t/4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore u(x, y) &= -1 + e^{x/4} (1 + \cos(y - 2x)) e^{\frac{-y+2x}{4}} \\ &= -1 + e^{x/4} e^{-y/4} e^{2x/4} (1 + \cos(y - 2x)) \\ &= -1 + e^{3x/4} e^{-y/4} (1 + \cos(y - 2x)) \\ &= -1 + e^{(3x-y)/4} (1 + \cos(y - 2x)) \end{aligned}$$

(b) $u(x, y) = x$ on the line $y = 2x$

$$u(x, 2x) = x = -1 + e^{x/4} g(2x - 2x)$$

$$\therefore x = -1 + e^{x/4} g(0)$$

$$g(0) = (1 + x) e^{-x/4}$$

This is impossible because $(1 + x) e^{-x/4}$

is not constant. Hence there is no solution

on the line $y = 2x$.

(c) $u(x, y) = 1 - x$ on the curve $y = x^2$

$$u(x, x^2) = 1 - x = -1 + e^{x/4} g(x^2 - 2x)$$

$$\therefore 1 - x = -1 + e^{x/4} g(x^2 - 2x)$$

$$\therefore g(x^2 - 2x) = (2 - x) e^{-x/4}$$

$$\text{let } t = x^2 - 2x$$

$$x^2 - 2x - t = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+4t}}{2}$$

$$= 1 \pm \sqrt{1+t}$$

$$\therefore x = 1 + \sqrt{1+t} \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - \sqrt{1+t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g(t) &= (2 - 1 - \sqrt{1+t})e^{-(1+\sqrt{1+t})/4} \\ &= (1 - \sqrt{1+t})e^{-(1+\sqrt{1+t})/4} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= (2 - 1 + \sqrt{1+t})e^{-(1-\sqrt{1+t})/4} \\ &= (1 + \sqrt{1+t})e^{-(1-\sqrt{1+t})/4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = -1 + e^{x/4}(1 - \sqrt{1+y-2x})e^{-(1+\sqrt{1+y-2x})/4}$$

or

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