

Problems to be solved

- ① Form differential equation by eliminating a, b, c from $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$.
- ② Form a partial differential equation by eliminating function f and F from $z = f(x+iy) + F(x-iy)$
- ③ Form differential equation by eliminating the arbitrary constants.

(a) $z = ax + a^2y^2 + b$	(b) $z = ax + by + ab$
(c) $az + b = a^2x + y$	(d) $z = a(x+y) + b$
- ④ Form differential equation by eliminating arbitrary functions

(a) $z = F(x^2 + y^2)$	(b) $z = e^{my} \phi(x-y)$
(c) $z = f(x) + xg(y)$	(d) $f(x+y+z, x^2+y^2-z^2) = 0$.

SOME DEFINITIONS

- ① Complete Integral: If from the partial differential equation $f(x, y, z, p, q) = 0$, we can find a relation $F(x, y, z, a, b) = 0$ which contains as many arbitrary constant as there are independent variables, the relation $F(x, y, z, a, b) = 0$ is called complete integral of the given differential eqn.
- ② Particular Integral: If some particular values are assigned to the arbitrary constants occurring in complete integral, we get particular solution.
- ③ Singular Integral: The equation of envelop of the surfaces represented by the complete integral, of given partial differential equation is called singular integral.
- ④

④ General Integral: If two functions u & v of x, y, z are connected by arbitrary function $f(u, v) = 0$ then eliminating f we get partial differential equation of the form $Pp + Qq = R$. — ①

The solution of eqn ① is $f(u, v) = 0$ which is called general integral of partial differential eqn.

Lagrange's Linear Equation

A partial differential equation of the form $Pp + Qq = R$ where P, Q & R are functions of x, y & z is called Lagrange's Linear Equation.

Lagrange's solution of the Linear Equation

We know that, by eliminating f from $f(u, v) = 0$ we get the partial differential eqn $Pp + Qq = R$ — ①

where $P = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$

$$Q = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$

$$R = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Thus $f(u, v) = 0$ is general integral of $Pp + Qq = R$.
So find general integral we need to find u & v .

Let $u = a$ and $v = b$ be two equations where a & b are arbitrary constants.

Differentiating these two eqns we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz = 0 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} dz = 0 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

Solving eqn (3) & (4) we get

$$\frac{dx}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}} = \frac{dy}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}} = \frac{dz}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}}$$

ie we get $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R} \quad \text{--- (5)}$

On solving above simultaneous differential equations we get $u=a$ & $v=b$.

Thus solution of eqn (2) is found as $f(u,v)=0$

The eqns (5) are called Lagrange's Auxiliary Equations. or subsidiary eqn

So Working Method is:

To find the solution of partial differential equation $Pp + Qq = R \quad \text{--- (1)}$

We form auxiliary equation $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R} \quad \text{--- (2)}$

We find two independent integrals of auxiliary equations (2) in the form $u=a$ & $v=b$.

Then the general integral is given by

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

where f is arbitrary function.

Geometrical Interpretation of Lagrange's Linear

Equations:

The equation $Pp + Qq = R$ and $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$ define the same set of surfaces, and are thus equivalent.