

LECTURE 10

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$$\underbrace{x}_{a(x,y)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \underbrace{y}_{b(x,y)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \underbrace{2xy}_{c(x,y,u)}$$

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = x \\
 \frac{dy}{ds} = y$$

$$x(s) = \bar{x} e^s \\
 y(s) = \bar{y} e^s$$

const. w.r.t s  
constant for each characteristic

Along  $(x(s), y(s))$ :

$$\frac{du}{ds} = 2x(s)y(s) \Rightarrow u(s) = \bar{x}\bar{y} e^{2s} + C$$

IC:  $u=1$  on  $y=2x^2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}(r) \\ \bar{y}(r) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 2r^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

exclude  $(x,y)=(0,0)$

$$\Rightarrow u(r,s) = 1 + 2r^3 (e^{2s} - 1)$$

for

$$\begin{cases} x(r,s) = r e^s \\ y(r,s) = 2r^2 e^s \end{cases}$$

Parametric form!

To turn this into  $u(x,y)$

solve  $x(r,s), y(r,s)$  for

$r(x,y)$  &  $s(x,y)$

$$\underline{\text{E.f:}} \quad \frac{y}{x} = 2r \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{r = \frac{y}{2x}}}$$

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Into  $x(r, s)$ :

$$x = r e^s = \frac{y}{2x} e^s; \quad e^s = \frac{2x^2}{y}$$

$$\underline{\underline{s = \ln\left(\frac{2x^2}{y}\right)}}$$

into  $u(r, s)$ :

$$u = 1 + 2r^3 (e^{2s} - 1)$$

$$u = 1 + 2\left(\frac{y}{2x}\right)^3 \left(e^{2\ln\left(\frac{2x^2}{y}\right)} - 1\right)$$

$$u = 1 + 2\left(\frac{y}{2x}\right)^3 \left(\left(\frac{2x^2}{y}\right)^2 - 1\right)$$

$$\underline{\underline{u(x, y) = 1 + xy - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3}}$$

Alternative:

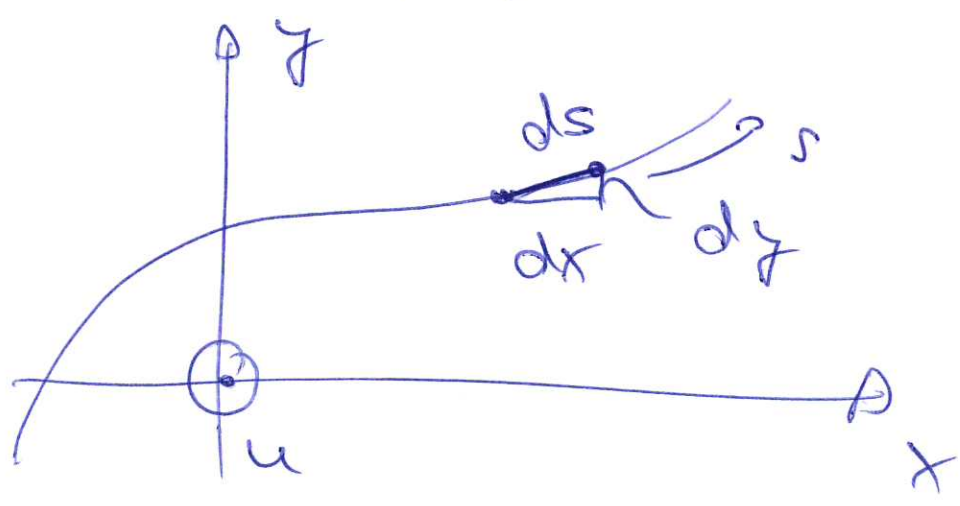
Lagrange's method

Recall: Along a curve:

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = a(x, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = b(x, y)$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = c(x, y, u)$$



$$ds = \frac{dx}{a(x, y)} = \frac{dy}{b(x, y)} = \frac{du}{c(x, y, u)}$$

Combine 1st 2 eqns to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b(x, y)}{a(x, y)}$$

First order ODE for  $y(x)$  & i.e.

an explicit representation of  $(\gamma)$   
the characteristic.

Solve

$$y = G(x; C)$$

(some (one!)  
constant of  
integration that  
identifies the  
characteristic curve.

Trivial (?) observ:

$C$  is constant  
along that  
characteristic!

Now combine 1st & 3rd eqn:

$$\frac{dx}{Q(x, y)} = \frac{dy}{C(x, y, u)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{C(x, y, u)}{Q(x, y)}$$

along  
the  
characteristic.

$\Downarrow$   
i.e. for  
 $y = G(x; C)$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{c(x, y(x), u)}{a(x, y(x))}$$

Another 1st order ODE for  $u(x)$  (only on chord!)   
 solve:

$$u = F(x; D)$$

↳ some (one!) other const. of integration.  $D$  is a number that is const. along that chord.

Done!?

- Questions:
- where is  $\gamma$ ?
  - $D$  is constant. w.r.t what?

- Answer:
- soln only valid on chord. so  $\gamma = \gamma(x)$

D is const. along the characteristic but can vary with  $y$ .

$\Rightarrow$  D is a fct of  $(x, y)$  such that it is constant along the characteristic.

How do we find such a fct?

Recall  $y = G(x; C)$

Solve this for  $C$

$$C = C(x, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow D = f(C(x, y))$$

Example:

$$x \frac{du}{dx} + y \frac{du}{dy} = 2xy$$

revisited.

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{du}{2xy}$$

first two eqns:

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$$

1st order ODE  
for  $y(x)$

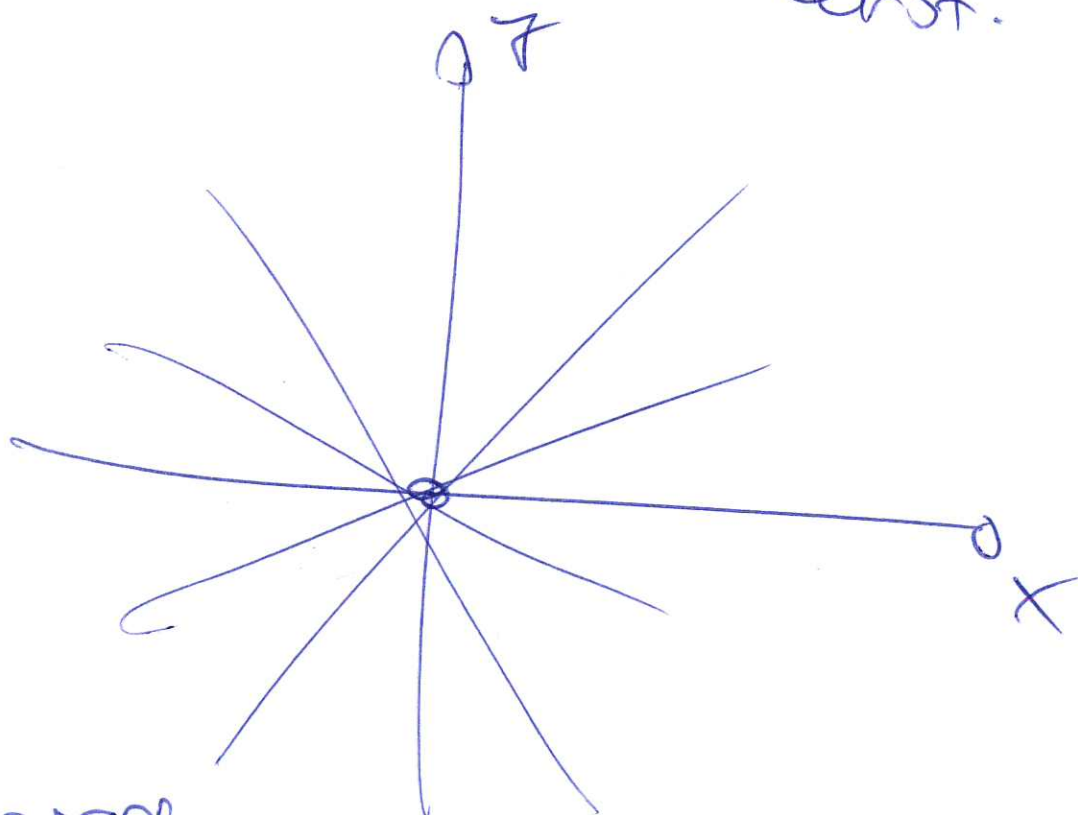
sep of vars:

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\ln \frac{y}{A} = \ln x$$

$$y(x) = Ax$$

for some  
const.  $A$ .



Charact. are straight lines  
through origin. (as before).