

LECTURE 11

Lagrange method

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$$a \frac{du}{dx} + b \frac{du}{dy} = c$$

$$ds = \frac{dx}{a} = \frac{dy}{b} = \frac{du}{c}$$

$f(x)$ for char



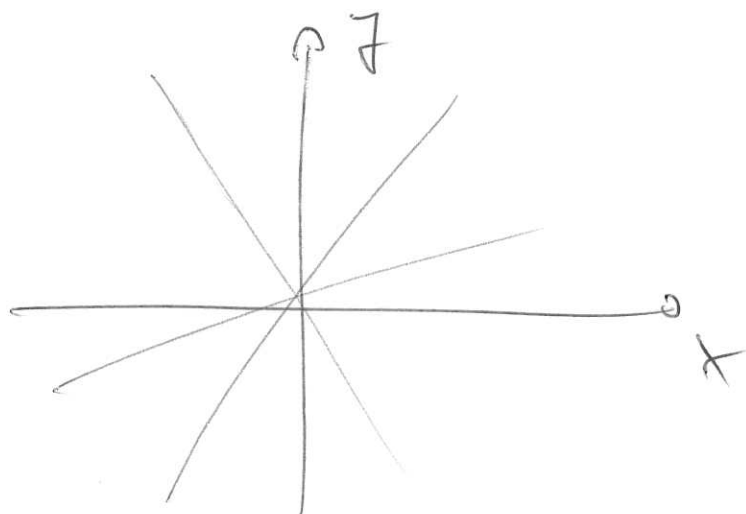
ONLY ALONG CHAR!

Example:

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

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

$f(x) = Ax$ eqn for char.



Note:

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

constant along each char.

Along char:

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$$\frac{dx}{\cancel{2xy}} = \frac{du}{\cancel{2xy}}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2y$$

only on char!

$$y = Ax$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2Ax$$

$$u = Ax^2 + D$$

const along char.

some fct of x & y that is constant along the characteristic

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

$$u(x, y) = \frac{y}{x} x^2 + f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$u(x, y) = yx + f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

General soln.

now apply IC:

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$$\text{If } y = 2x^2: \quad u = 1 \quad (\text{as before})$$

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

$$1 = 2x^3 + f(2x)$$

$$x = \frac{u}{2}$$

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

$$f(u) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}u^3$$

Specifically then:

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

As before.

Examp. Q4 (i) Sheet 3 (4)

$$\frac{du}{dx} - \frac{du}{dy} = 0$$

IC:

$$(R, \theta) = (R, 0) \Rightarrow u = \cos \theta$$

$$a = 1$$

$$b = -1$$

$$c = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{dx}{1} = -\frac{dy}{1}}_{\text{char.}} = \underbrace{\frac{du}{0} = ds}_{\text{along char.}}$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = 0$$



$u = \text{const}$
along char.!

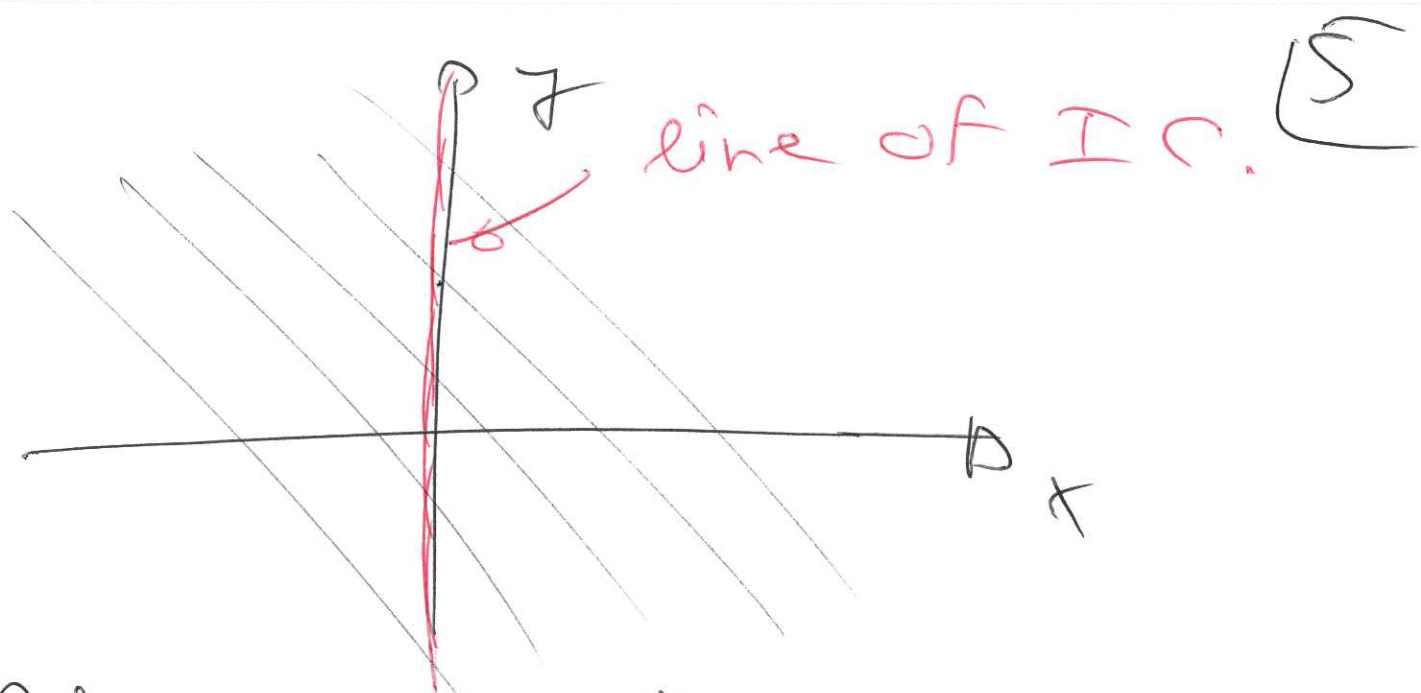
char:

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



$$y = -x + A$$

A constant
along the char.



Along each ~~char.~~ char.

$$A = x + y = \text{const.}$$

~~$$\frac{du}{u} = \frac{dx}{x}$$~~

$u = \text{const}$ along char.

$$u = C$$

is a fct. of (x, y)
provided ~~the~~
the fct stays
constant along
the charact.

$$u = f(x+y)$$

Gen. soln.

Apply IC: $u(x=0, y) = \cos y$ (6)

$$f(y) = \cos y$$

$$f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

⇒ specific form

$$\underline{u(x, y) = \cos(x+y)}$$

Example (Q4 (ii) sheet 3)

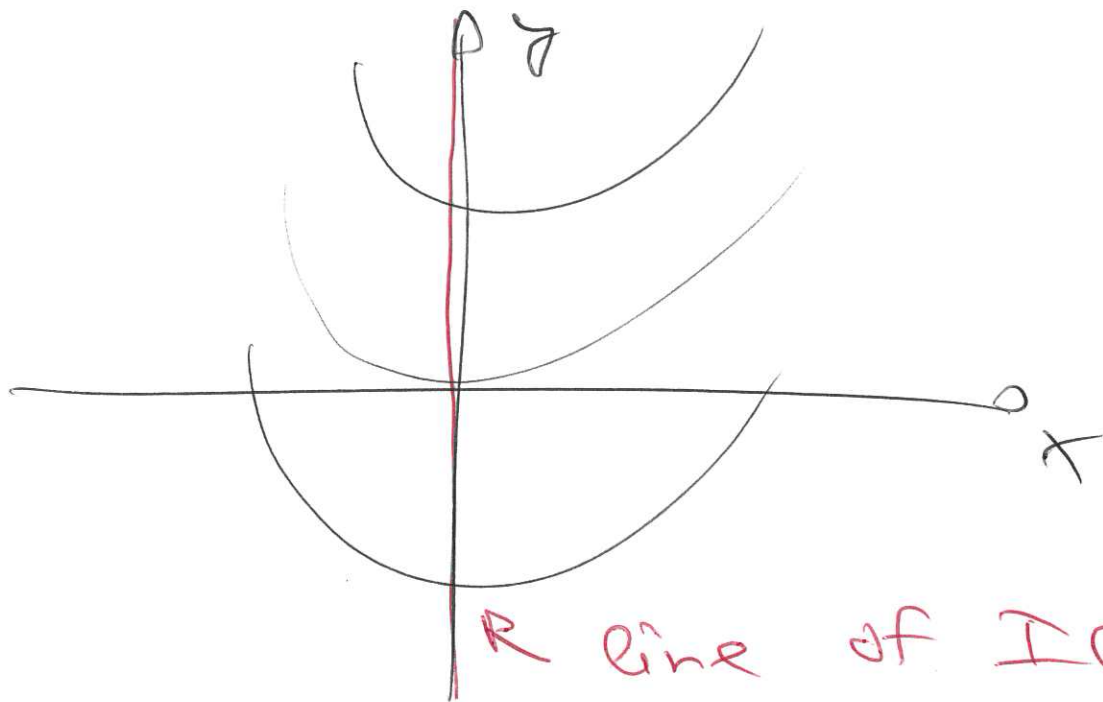
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u \quad \text{IC:}$$

$$u(0, y) = \sin y$$

$$\frac{dx}{1} = \frac{dy}{x} = \frac{du}{u}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + A$$

$$A = y - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \quad \text{const. along}$$



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R line of IC.

$$\frac{du}{u} = \frac{dx}{1}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{u}{C}\right) = x$$

C const
along char.

$$u = C^r \exp(x)$$

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

Gen. soln.

IC: $u(x=0, y) = \sin y$

$$\sin(y) = f(y)$$

$$f\left(\frac{y}{3}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{y}{3}\right)$$

$$u(x, y) = \sin\left(y - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) \exp(x) \quad (8)$$

§3 Grad div & curl (9)

Scalar fields:

$$\phi = \phi(x, y, z) \quad (\text{e.g. temperature})$$

Vector fields

$$\underline{F} = \underline{f}(x, y, z) \quad (\text{e.g. velocity})$$

Gradient of a scalar field

$$\text{grad } \phi = \nabla \phi =$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \underline{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \underline{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \underline{k}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

Nabla operator.