

## Serie 9

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**You need to know:** Introduction to PDEs, classification of 2nd order PDEs. Definition of wave equation and heat equation, separation of variables.

**Theory reminder on the classification of PDEs:** A 2nd order PDE is an equation of the form:

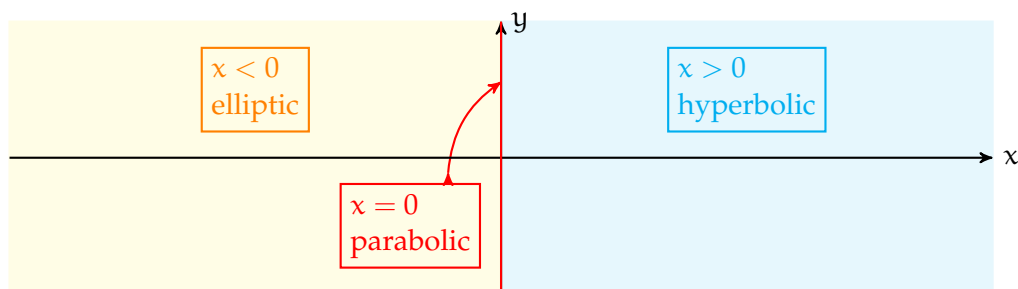
$$Au_{xx} + 2Bu_{xy} + Cu_{yy} = F(x, y, u, u_x, u_y)$$

where the coefficients  $A, B, C$  may also be functions of  $x, y$ . We say that the PDE is, respectively, hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic, if the function  $AC - B^2$  is, respectively, always smaller, equal, or greater than zero. When the sign changes in different regions of the plane  $(x, y)$ , the equation is called of *mixed type*.

For example the Euler-Tricomi equation

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

has  $AC - B^2 = 1 \cdot (-x) - (0)^2 = -x$ , and therefore is of mixed type: hyperbolic in the half plane  $x > 0$ , elliptic in the other half plane  $x < 0$ , and parabolic on the line  $x = 0$ .



1. Consider the following PDEs - in what follows,  $u = u(x, y)$  is a function of two variables.

$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + u_{yy} + 3u_x + xu = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + u_y = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$u_{xx} + 8u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + e^x u_x = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$yu_{xx} + 2xu_{xy} + u_{yy} - u_y = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$(x + 1)u_{xx} + 2yu_{xy} + x^2u_{yy} = 0. \quad (5)$$

Which of this is hyperbolic? Parabolic? Elliptic? Of mixed type?

In the last case, try to understand in which region of the plane  $(x, y)$  they are hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic<sup>1</sup>.

2. Consider the following functions.

a)  $u(x, t) = e^{-100t} \cos(2x)$

b)  $u(x, t) = \sin(2x) \cos(8t)$

c)  $u(x, t) = e^{-36t} \sin(3x)$

Which PDE between the heat equation,  $u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$ , and the wave equation,  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ , does each of these solve? Write down also which is the constant  $c$  in each case.

3. Find the general solution  $u = u(x, y)$  for the following PDEs:

a)  $u_y + 2yu = 0$

b)  $u_{yy} = 4xu_y$ .

4. Consider the following time-dependent version of the heat equation on the interval  $[0, L]$ , in which the constant varies linearly with time. We also impose boundary conditions and we look for solutions:

$$u = u(x, t) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} u_t = 2tc^2 u_{xx}, & x \in [0, L], t \in [0, +\infty) \\ u(0, t) = 0, & t \in [0, +\infty) \\ u(L, t) = 0, & t \in [0, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

Find all possible solutions of the specific form  $u(x, t) = F(x)G(t)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>You can plot the curve  $\{AC - B^2 = 0\}$  on - say - Wolfram|Alpha to understand its shape.

**Exercise on old topics: Fourier transform.**

5. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function whose Fourier transform is

$$\sqrt{2\pi} \mathcal{F}(f)(\omega) = \frac{3}{(5 + i\omega)}.$$

Compute the following integrals:

**a)**  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) \, dx$

**b)**  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x) \, dx$

**c)**  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2f(x) \, dx$

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