

## Unit - III

### Partial Differential equations

In general higher derivatives of the types

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}$  may be of physical significance

When the laws of physics are applied to a problem of this kind. we may sometimes obtain a relation between the derivatives of

the kind  $\phi \left( \frac{du}{dx}, \frac{du}{dy}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right) = 0$

Such an equation relating partial derivatives is called a "Partial Differential equation".

A partial differential equation is an equation involving a function of two or more variables and some of its partial derivatives. Therefore a partial differential equation contains

One dependent variable : Hence the main difference between the partial and ordinary differential equations is the number of independent variables involved in the equation.

Examples :

1.  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{du}{dy}$  (u - dependent variable x, y independent variable)

2.  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^3 + \frac{du}{dy} = 0$  (u - dependent variables x, y independent variable)

3.  $x \frac{du}{dx} + y \frac{du}{dy} + \frac{du}{dt} = 0$  (u - dependent variable x, y, t indep. var)

The order of a partial differential equation is the order of the highest partial derivative occurring in the equation.

In the above, e.g. 1 is a second order equation in two variables, e.g. 2 is a first order equation in two variables and e.g. 3 is a first order equation in three variables.

Formation of partial differential equations :

In practice, there are two methods to form a partial differential equation

i) By elimination of arbitrary

ii) By elimination of arbitrary function.

## Formation of Partial Differential Equations by:

### Elimination of Arbitrary constant:

$$\text{Let } f(x, y, z, a, b) = 0 \longrightarrow (1)$$

be an equation which contains two arbitrary constants  $a$  and  $b$ . We know that, to eliminate two constants we need at least three equations. Therefore partially differentiating equation (1) with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  we get two more equations. From these three equations we can eliminate the two constants ' $a$ ' and ' $b$ '. Similarly, for eliminating three constants we need four equations and so on.

where,

$$p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \quad q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}, \quad r = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}, \quad s = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}, \quad t = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$$

### Elimination of arbitrary constant:

Form the partial differential equation by eliminating arbitrary constant from  $z = ax + by + a^2 + b^2$

Soln:

Given equation

$$z = ax + by + a^2 + b^2 \longrightarrow (1)$$

Differentiating we respect to  $x$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = a$$

$$p = a \longrightarrow (2)$$

Differentiating we respect to  $y$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = b$$

$$q = b \rightarrow (2)$$

Sub (2) & (3) in (1)

$$z = px + qy + p^2 + q^2$$

is the required partial differential equation after elimination of  $a$  and  $b$

Form the partial differential equation by eliminatory arbitrary constant from  $z = (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2$

Soln:

Given equation

$$z = (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + 1 \rightarrow (1)$$

Differentiating we respect to  $x$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 2(x-a)$$

$$p = 2(x-a)$$

$$\frac{p}{2} = (x-a) \rightarrow (2)$$

D we respect to  $y$

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = 2(y-b)$$

$$q = 2(y-b)$$

$$\frac{q}{2} = (y-b) \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\frac{q}{2} = y - b \rightarrow (3)$$

Sub ① & ⑤ in ①

$$z = \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 + 1$$

$$z = \frac{p^2}{4} + \frac{q^2}{4} + 1$$

$$z = \frac{p^2 + q^2 + 4}{4}$$

$$4z = p^2 + q^2 + 4$$

Is the required partial differential equation  
after elimination a and b

Form the ordinary partial differential equation  
by eliminating arbitrary constant from  
 $z = (x^2 + a)(y^2 + b)$

Soln :

Given equation

$$z = (x^2 + a)(y^2 + b) \rightarrow \text{①}$$

Differential w.r. to x

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = (y^2 + b) \cdot 2x$$

$$p = (y^2 + b) \cdot 2x$$

$$\frac{p}{2x} = y^2 + b \rightarrow \text{②}$$

Differential w.r. to y

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = (x^2 + a) ay$$

$$q = (x^2 + a) ay$$

$$\frac{q}{ay} = (x^2 + a) \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Sub  $\textcircled{2}$  &  $\textcircled{3}$  in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$z = \left( \frac{q}{ay} \right) \left( \frac{p}{ax} \right)$$

$$z = \frac{pq}{4xy}$$

$$pq = 4xyz$$

Is the required partial differential equation after elimination of  $a$  and  $b$

Form the partial differential equation by

eliminating arbitrary constant  $\log(az - 1) = x + ay + b$

Soln:

Given equation  $\log(az - 1) = x + ay + b$

$$\log(az - 1) = x + ay + b$$

Differential w.r.t respect to  $x$

$$\frac{1}{az - 1} \cdot a \frac{dz}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{ap}{az - 1} = 1$$

$$ap = az - 1$$

$$1 = az - ap$$

$$1 = a(z-p)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{z-p} \longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Differential we respect to  $y$

$$\frac{1}{az-1} \cdot a \frac{dz}{dy} = a$$

$$\frac{aq}{az-1} = a$$

$$\frac{q}{az-1} = 1$$

$$q = az - 1 \longrightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Sub  $\textcircled{2}$  in  $\textcircled{3}$ .

$$q = \frac{z}{z-p} - 1$$

$$q = \frac{z - z + p}{z-p}$$

$$qz - pq = p$$

$$qz = p + pq$$

$$qz = p(1+q)$$

Is the required partial differential equation after elimination  $a$  and  $b$