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参考文献: 中文  $\rightarrow$  数学物理方法  $\rightarrow$  Ref.

Office hour: Every Tuesday, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

"Ref: Linear PDEs for Scientists & Engineers" by Tyn Myint-U & Lokenath Debnath

Course Arrangement: ① Introduction (DEs in mathematical physics);  
② Method of characteristics and separation of variables for 1<sup>st</sup> order PDEs;  
③ 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear PDEs (wave eq., heat eq. and Laplace eq.)

课程特色: ① 更侧重于计算而非定理的证明, 主要是对方法的阐述;  
② 更偏向于直觉的说明, 尽量在讲述过程中严谨(看情况补充定理证明).

## Lecture 1. Introduction

### 1. Why DEs? (为什么要研究微分方程?)

- They describe the nature of science.

- mathematical models: ① statistical models; ② eqs.

In fact, when we deal with mathematical problems, we "always" assume that they are as simple as possible  $\Rightarrow$  toy model  $\rightsquigarrow$  complex system (关于怪波的教学解释)

Our DEs discussed in this class are toy models, so techniques are the main task of this course. (Toy models include: traffic flow; wave eq.; heat eq.; Laplace eq.)

Techniques include: characteristics; separation of variables; d'Alembert formula; Green's function and integral transform methods)

### 2. What are DEs?

$f(x, y, \dots, u, u_x, u_y, \dots, u_{xx}, u_{yy}, u_{xy}, \dots) = 0$   
independent variables  $\rightarrow$  an unknown func.  $\Rightarrow$  sol<sup>n</sup> of DE.

① 关于DE的阶: 最高次偏导的阶, e.g.:  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  是2阶PDE,

$u_t + u_{xxx} + 6u u_x = 0$  是3阶PDE.

② 关于DE的线性性  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{线性} \\ \text{非线性} \end{array} \right.$

• 如果方程关于u的导数项仅与独立变量相关, 我们称其为线性PDE.

e.g.:  $y u_{xx} + x u_y = 1$

事实上, 现实中的现象大多都是非线性的, 线性的模型都是"toy model". 然而非线性PDE的数学结构是复杂的, 我们仅考虑1阶的非线性PDE (即拟线性PDE). 关于2阶方程, 我们仅考虑线性的. 仅关于最高次导数是线性的.

### 3. Initial Condition (I.C.) / Boundary Condition (B.C.) of PDEs

- Why do we consider I.C. / B.C. of PDEs?

The general solution space of PDE is of infinite dimension.

Example: Try to solve  $U_x - U_y = 0$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: By using the variable transformation  $\begin{cases} \xi = x+y \\ \eta = x-y \end{cases}$ , one knows

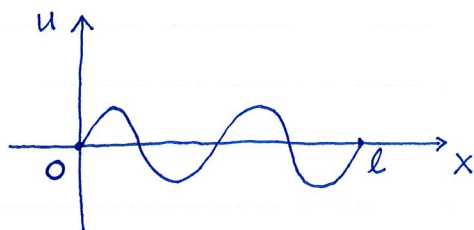
$$U_x - U_y = (U_\xi \xi_x + U_\eta \eta_x) - (U_\eta \eta_y + U_\xi \xi_y) = 2U_\eta = 0.$$

That is,  $u = f(\xi)$  is a general solution of the above equation, where  $f$  is an ~~general~~ arbitrary function.

e.g.:  $u = x+y$ ,  $u = \exp(x+y)$ , ... are solutions of the above equation.

How to fix this problem? - B.C or I.C.

e.g.: 
$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} - U_{xx} = 0, & 0 < x < l, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right), & 0 \leq x \leq l \text{ (initial condition)} \\ u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0, & t \geq 0 \text{ (boundary condition)} \end{cases}$$



H.W. 1: To verify that  $u = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct)$  is a solution of  $U_{tt} - c^2 U_{xx} = 0$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are arbitrary functions.

2. Find the solution of the initial-value problem

$$U_{tt} - c^2 U_{xx} = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0, \quad u(x, 0) = \sin x, \quad U_t(x, 0) = \cos x.$$

(Answer:  $u(x, t) = \sin x \cos ct + \frac{1}{c} \cos x \sin ct$ .)

### 4. 关于PDE的解:

well-posedness: (existence, uniqueness, continuity)

How to solve PDEs: ① Exact solutions; ② Numerical solutions