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**Soru 1** (Canonical Forms). Consider the partial differential equation

$$xu_{xx} + u_{yy} = x^2 \quad (1)$$

(where  $u_x$  means  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  etc).

(a) [1p] Equation (1) is a

1<sup>st</sup> order PDE;  2<sup>nd</sup> order PDE;  3<sup>rd</sup> order PDE;  4<sup>th</sup> order PDE.

(b) [1p] Equation (1) is a

homogeneous PDE;  non-homogeneous PDE.

(c) [1p] Equation (1) is a

linear PDE;  quasilinear PDE;  non-linear (and not quasilinear) PDE.

(d) [6p] For each  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , classify (1) as hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic.

Since  $\Delta = B^2 - 4AC = 0^2 - 4 \times x \times 1 = -4x$ , the PDE is hyperbolic for  $x < 0$ , parabolic for  $x = 0$  and elliptic for  $x > 0$ .

For parts (e), (f) and (g), suppose that  $x > 0$ .

(e) [10p] Find the characteristic equation of (1).

The characteristic equation of (1) is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2A} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{-4x}}{2x} = \pm \frac{i}{\sqrt{x}}.$$

$$xu_{xx} + u_{yy} = x^2 \quad (1)$$

(f) [10p] Find the characteristic curves of (1).

Solving  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \pm ix^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , we see that  $y = \pm 2ix^{\frac{1}{2}} + c = \pm 2i\sqrt{x} + c$

(g) [21p] Find a canonical form for (1).

[HINT: I don't want to see  $x$  or  $y$  in your final answer.]

By part (f), we choose  $\xi = y - 2i\sqrt{x}$  and  $\eta = y + 2i\sqrt{x}$ . Then, because we are studying an elliptic PDE, we choose  $\alpha = \text{Re}(\xi) = y$  and  $\beta = \text{Im}(\xi) = -2\sqrt{x}$ . We can calculate

$$\alpha_x = 0, \alpha_y = 1, \alpha_{xx} = 0, \alpha_{xy} = 0, \alpha_{yy} = 0,$$

and

$$\beta_x = -x^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \beta_y = 0, \beta_{xx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}, \beta_{xy} = 0, \beta_{yy} = 0.$$

Therefore

$$A^{**} = 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$B^{**} = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$C^{**} = x(-x^{-\frac{1}{2}})^2 + 0 + 0 = 1$$

$$D^{**} = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$E^{**} = x\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right) + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$F^{**} = 0$$

$$G^{**} = x^2.$$

Hence

$$u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}u_{\beta} = x^2.$$

The final step is to substitute for  $x$ ,

$$u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} - \frac{1}{\beta}u_{\beta} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\beta\right)^4 = \frac{\beta^4}{16}.$$

Therefore, the canonical form for (1) is

$$u_{\alpha\alpha} + u_{\beta\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta}u_{\beta} + \frac{\beta^4}{16}.$$

**Soru 2** (The method of characteristics). Consider

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - 3t^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -u \\ u(x, 0) = 2e^x. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

(a) [40p] Use the method of characteristics to solve (2).

I think that this is the easiest question on this exam – I hope that you choose this one.

First we replace the PDE by a system of 2 ODEs:

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -u \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = -t^2.$$

The solution of the second ODE is

$$x(t) = -t^3 + x(0)$$

and the solution of the first ODE is

$$u(x(t), t) = Ke^{-t} = u(x(0), t)e^{-t} = 2e^{x(0)}e^{-t} = 2e^{x(0)-t}.$$

The final step is to substitute for  $x(0)$ . Therefore the solution of (2) is

$$u(x, t) = 2e^{x(0)-t} = 2e^{x+t^3-t}.$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - 3t^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -u \\ u(x, 0) = 2e^x. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- (b) [10p] To check your answer to part (a), calculate  $u_t$ ,  $u_x$ ,  $(u_t - 3t^2u_x)$  and  $u(x, 0)$ .

Since

$$u(x, t) = 2e^{x+t^3-t}$$

we have that

$$u_t = 2(3t^2 - 1)e^{x+t^3-t}$$

$$u_x = 2e^{x+t^3-t}.$$

Therefore

$$u_t - 3t^2u_x = (2(3t^2 - 1)e^{x+t^3-t}) - 3t^2(2e^{x+t^3-t}) = -2e^{x+t^3-t} = -u$$

so the PDE is satisfied.

Finally, clearly

$$u(x, 0) = 2e^{x+0^3-0} = 2e^x$$

so the initial condition is also satisfied.

**Soru 3** (General Solution). Suppose that  $\xi = y - 9x$  and  $\eta = y - x$ .

- (a) [20p] Use the chain rule (e.g.  $u_x = u_\xi \xi_x + u_\eta \eta_x$ , etc.) to show that

$$u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = -64u_{\xi\eta}.$$

Since

$$u_x = u_\xi \xi_x + u_\eta \eta_x = -9u_\xi - u_\eta$$

$$u_y = u_\xi \xi_y + u_\eta \eta_y = u_\xi + u_\eta$$

$$u_{xx} = (u_x)_\xi \xi_x + (u_x)_\eta \eta_x = (-9u_{\xi\xi} - u_{\eta\xi})(-9) + (-9u_{\xi\eta} - u_{\eta\eta})(-1) = 81u_{\xi\xi} + 18u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xy} = (u_x)_\xi \xi_y + (u_x)_\eta \eta_y = (-9u_{\xi\xi} - u_{\eta\xi})(1) + (-9u_{\xi\eta} - u_{\eta\eta})(1) = -9u_{\xi\xi} - 10u_{\xi\eta} - u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{yy} = (u_y)_\xi \xi_y + (u_y)_\eta \eta_y = (u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\eta\xi})(1) + (u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta})(1) = u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} &= (81u_{\xi\xi} + 18u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}) + 10(-9u_{\xi\xi} - 10u_{\xi\eta} - u_{\eta\eta}) \\ &\quad + 9(u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}) \\ &= u_{\xi\xi}(81 - 90 + 9) + u_{\xi\eta}(18 - 100 + 18) + u_{\eta\eta}(1 - 10 + 9) \\ &= -64u_{\xi\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) [5p] Show that

$$y = \frac{9\eta - \xi}{8}.$$

Since  $\xi = y - 9x$  and  $\eta = y - x$ , it follows that

$$9\eta - \xi = 9(y - x) - (y - 9x) = 8y.$$

Therefore

$$y = \frac{9\eta - \xi}{8}.$$

Now consider the second order partial differential equation

$$u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = y \tag{3}$$

(where  $u_x$  means  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  etc).

- (c) [5p] Equation (3) is a

hyperbolic PDE;     parabolic PDE;     elliptic PDE.

(d) [20p] Find the general solution of (3).

[HINT: I don't want to see  $\xi$  or  $\eta$  in your final answer.]

By parts (a) and (b),

$$-64u_{\xi\eta} = u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = y = \frac{9\eta - \xi}{8}.$$

So

$$512u_{\xi\eta} = \xi - 9\eta.$$

Integrating (wrt  $\eta$ ) gives

$$512u_{\xi} = \int 512u_{\xi\eta} d\eta = \int \xi - 9\eta d\eta = \xi\eta - \frac{9}{2}\eta^2 + f(\xi)$$

for some function  $f$ . Then integrating (wrt  $\xi$ ) gives

$$512u(\xi, \eta) = \int 512u_{\xi} d\xi = \int \xi\eta - \frac{9}{2}\eta^2 + f(\xi) d\xi = \frac{1}{2}\xi^2\eta - \frac{9}{2}\eta^2\xi + 512F(\xi) + 512G(\eta)$$

for some functions  $F$  and  $G$ .

The final step is to change back to  $x$  and  $y$ : The general solution of (3) is

$$u(x, y) = \frac{1}{1024}(y - 9x)^2(y - x) - \frac{9}{1024}(y - x)^2(y - 9x) + F(y - 9x) + G(y - x).$$