



Soru 1 (Characteristics). Consider the PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{u}{4} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (1)$$

with the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 4 & x < 4 \\ 3 & x > 4. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

(a) [6p] Replace (1) by a system of 2 ODEs

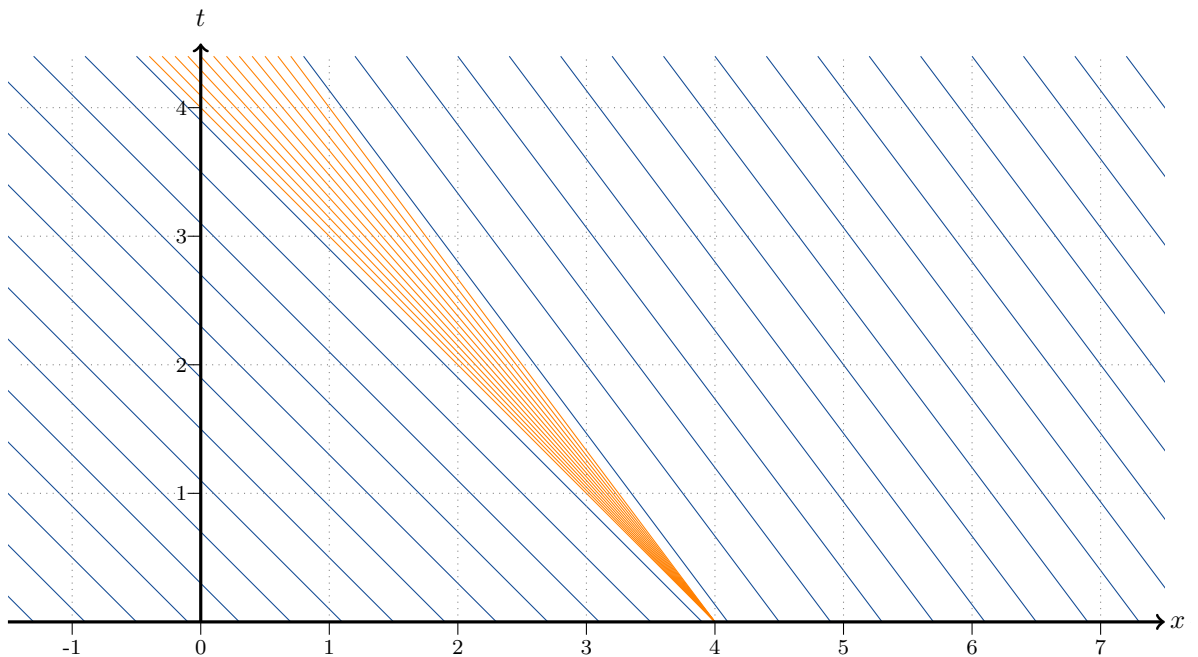
$$\frac{du}{dt} = 0, \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{u}{4}$$

(b) [12p] Plot the characteristics (t against x) for this problem.

The solution of $u' = 0$ is $u(x, t) = u(x(0), 0)$, and the solution of $x' = -\frac{1}{4}u(x(0), 0)$ is

$$x(t) = x(0) - \frac{1}{4}u(x(0), 0)t = \begin{cases} x(0) - t & x(0) < 4 \\ x(0) - \frac{3}{4}t & x(0) > 4. \end{cases}$$

Thus...



(c) [2p] Does this problem have *fan-like characteristics*, *shock wave characteristics*, *neither* or *both*? [Mark only one box.]

fan-like characteristics shock wave characteristics neither both

(d) [18p] Solve

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{u}{4} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

subject to

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 4 & x < 4 \\ 3 & x > 4. \end{cases}$$

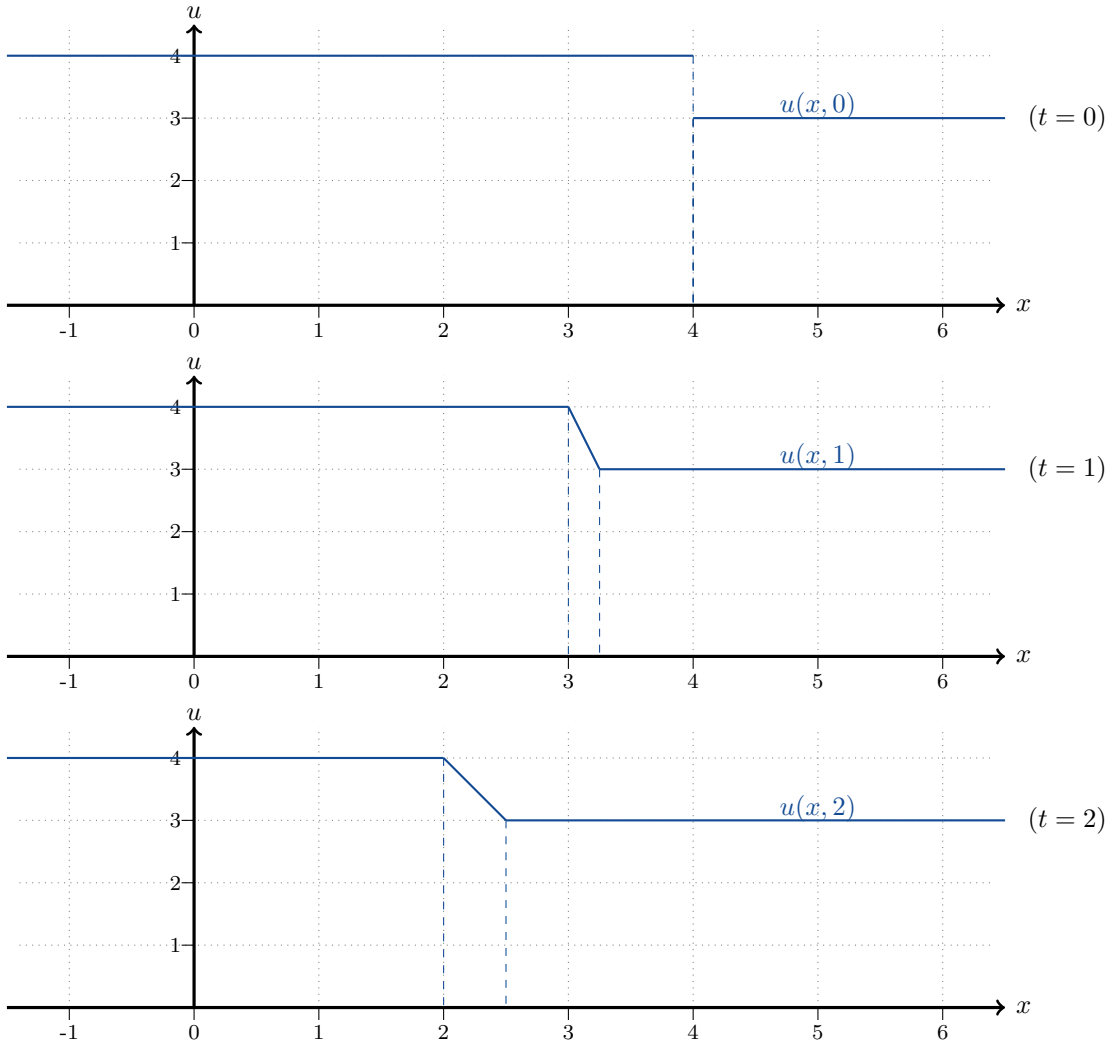
As above, $u(x, t) = u(x(0), 0)$ and $x(t) = x(0) - \frac{1}{4}u(x(0), 0)t$. Therefore

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 4 & x < 4 - t \\ ??? & 4 - t < x < 4 - \frac{3}{4}t \\ 3 & x > 4 - \frac{3}{4}t. \end{cases}$$

For the middle interval, we use the equation $x = x(0) - \frac{1}{4}ut$ with $x(0) = 4$ to calculate that $u = \frac{16-4x}{t}$. Therefore

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 4 & x < 4 - t \\ \frac{16-4x}{t} & 4 - t < x < 4 - \frac{3}{4}t \\ 3 & x > 4 - \frac{3}{4}t. \end{cases}$$

(e) [3 × 4p] Sketch the graph (u against x) of the solution at times $t = 0$, $t = 1$ and $t = 2$.



Soru 2 (Canonical Forms). Consider the partial differential equation

$$2u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + 3u = \sin(x^2). \quad (3)$$

(a) [1p] Equation (3) is a

1st order PDE; 2nd order PDE; 3rd order PDE; 4th order PDE.

(b) [1p] Equation (3) is a

homogeneous PDE; non-homogeneous PDE.

(c) [1p] Equation (3) is

linear; non-linear AND quasilinear; non-linear, but not quasilinear;

(d) [6p] For each $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, classify (3) as hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic.

Since $\Delta = B^2 - 4AC = (-4)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 2 = 0$, the PDE is parabolic.

(e) [8p] Find the characteristic equation of (3).

The characteristic equation of (3) is $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2A} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{0}}{2 \times 2} = -1$.

(f) [8p] Find the characteristic curve(s) of (3).

Solving $\frac{dy}{dx} = -1$, we see that $y + x = c$.

(g) [25p] Find a canonical form for (3).

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

By part (f), we choose $\xi = y + x$. For a parabolic PDE, we can choose any linearly independent function η . I choose $\eta = x$. We can calculate

$$\xi_x = 1, \quad \xi_y = 1, \quad \xi_{xx} = 0, \quad \xi_{xy} = 0, \quad \xi_{yy} = 0,$$

$$\eta_x = 1, \quad \eta_y = 0, \quad \eta_{xx} = 0, \quad \eta_{xy} = 0, \quad \eta_{yy} = 0.$$

Therefore

$$A^* = 0$$

$$B^* = 0$$

$$C^* = 2 - 4(0) + 2(0) = 2$$

$$D^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$E^* = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$F^* = 3$$

$$G^* = \sin(x^2).$$

Hence

$$2u_{\eta\eta} + 3u = \sin(x^2).$$

The final step is to substitute for x ,

$$2u_{\eta\eta} + 3u = \sin(\eta^2).$$

Therefore, a canonical form for (3) is

$$u_{\eta\eta} = -\frac{3}{2}u + \frac{1}{2}\sin(\eta^2).$$

Soru 3 (General Solution). Suppose that $\xi = y - 3x$ and $\eta = y - \frac{x}{3}$.

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

$$9u_{xx} + 30u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = -64u_{\xi\eta}.$$

Since

$$u_x = u_\xi \xi_x + u_\eta \eta_x = -3u_\xi - \frac{1}{3}u_\eta$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= (u_x)_\xi \xi_x + (u_x)_\eta \eta_x = (-3u_{\xi\xi} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta\xi})(-3) + (-3u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta\eta})(-\frac{1}{3}) \\ &= 9u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + \frac{1}{9}u_{\eta\eta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xy} &= (u_x)_\xi \xi_y + (u_x)_\eta \eta_y = (-3u_{\xi\xi} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta\xi})(1) + (-3u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta\eta})(1) \\ &= -3u_{\xi\xi} - \frac{10}{3}u_{\xi\eta} - \frac{1}{3}u_{\eta\eta} \end{aligned}$$

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

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 9u_{xx} + 30u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} &= u_{\xi\xi}(81 - 90 + 9) + u_{\xi\eta}(18 - 100 + 18) + u_{\eta\eta}(1 - 10 + 9) \\ &= -64u_{\xi\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the second order partial differential equation

$$9u_{xx} + 30u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = -64 \sin(2y - 6x). \quad (4)$$

(b) [5p] Equation (4) is a

hyperbolic PDE; parabolic PDE; elliptic PDE.

(c) [25p] Find the general solution of (4).

[HINT: I don't want to see ξ or η in your final answer.]

By part (a),

$$-64u_{\xi\eta} = 9u_{xx} + 30u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = -64 \sin(2y - 6x) = -64 \sin(2\xi).$$

So

$$u_{\xi\eta} = \sin(2\xi).$$

Integrating (wrt η) gives

$$u_\xi = \int u_{\xi\eta} d\eta = \int \sin 2\xi d\eta = \eta \sin 2\xi + f(\xi)$$

for some function f . Then integrating (wrt ξ) gives

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

for some functions F and G .

The final step is to change back to x and y : The general solution of (4) is

$$u(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{3} - y\right) \cos(2y - 6x) + F(y - 3x) + G\left(y - \frac{x}{3}\right).$$