

# MA612L-Partial Differential Equations

Lecture 1 : Introduction: What is PDE?

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# Course Details

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## Until Mid-Term

- First Order and Second Order PDE
- IVP, BVP Homogeneous, nonhomogeneous
- Fundamental Solution, Green's Function
- Energy Methods
- Transport, Laplace, Heat and Wave Equations
- D'Alembert's Solution, Fourier Method, Poisson Integral
- PDE problems in Cartesian and Polar Coordinates on rectangular, Circular and annular regions

# Course Details..



## After Mid-Term

- Non-linear PDE
- Complete Integrals, Envelopes
- Characteristic ODE
- Hamilton-Jacobi Equation
- Conservation laws, weak solution, uniqueness, Riemann Problems
- Second order PDEs-Classifications
- Canonical form, Lax Milgram Theorem
- Maximum-minimum principles





# Marks

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Components	Marks
Test - 1	20
Test - 2	20
End Semester	60





# Preliminaries

# What is a derivative?



## Definition 1 (Derivative (Rudin))

Let  $f$  be defined (and real-valued) on  $[a, b]$ . For any  $x \in [a, b]$  form the quotient

$$\phi(t) = \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} \quad (a < t < b, t \neq x), \quad (1)$$

and define

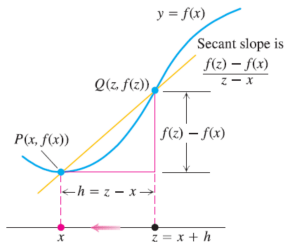
$$f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \phi(t) \quad (2)$$

provided this limit exists. We associate with a function  $f$  a function  $f'$  whose domain is the set of points  $x$  at which the limit of (2) exists;  $f'$  is called the derivative of  $f$ . If  $f'$  is defined at a point  $x$ , we say that  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$ . If  $f'$  is defined at every  $x \in E \subset [a, b]$ , we say that  $f$  is differentiable on  $E$ .

# What is a derivative?



What is the pictorial representation? Could you interpret?



Derivative of  $f$  at  $x$  is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

# What is a derivative?



## Definition 2 (Derivative (Thomas Calculus))

The derivative of the function  $f(x)$  with respect to the variable  $x$  is the function  $f'$  whose value at  $x$  is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

provide the limit exists.

# Examples



## Examples

$$f(x) = 4x^2 \implies f'(x) = 8x$$

$$y = e^{5x} \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = 5e^{5x}$$

$$y = \sin x + x^2 \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x + 2x$$

# Examples



## Failure

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$f$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ , because

$$\phi(t) = \sin \frac{1}{t}$$

does not tend to any limit as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .



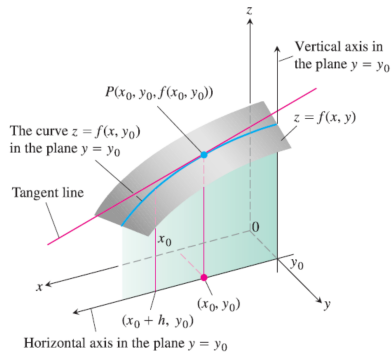
# Partial Derivatives



## Definition 3 (Partial Derivative (Thomas Calculus))

Let  $f(x, y)$  be a real valued function defined on a domain  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $(a, b) \in D$ . If  $C$  is the curve of intersection of the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  with the plane  $y = b$ , then the slope of the tangent line to  $C$  at  $(a, b, f(a, b))$  is the partial derivative of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  at  $(a, b)$ .

# Partial Derivatives



# Partial Derivatives



## Definition 4 (Partial Derivative (Thomas Calculus))

The partial derivative of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  at the point  $(a, b)$  is

$$f_x(a, b) = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(a, b)} = \left. \frac{df(x, b)}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h, b) - f(a, b)}{h}$$

provided the limit exists.

# Partial Derivatives



## Definition 5 (Partial Derivative (Thomas Calculus))

The partial derivative of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  at the point  $(a, b)$  is

$$f_y(a, b) = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(a, b)} = \left. \frac{df(a, y)}{dy} \right|_{y=b} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a, b + k) - f(a, b)}{k}$$

provided the limit exists.

# Partial Derivatives



## Example

Find  $\partial z / \partial x$  and  $\partial z / \partial y$  where  $z = f(x, y)$  is defined by

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 6xyz = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{x^2 - 2yz}{z^2 - 2xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y^2 - 2xz}{z^2 - 2xy}$$

# Partial Derivatives



## Example

Find  $u_x \pm u_y$  and  $u_{xx} \pm u_{yy}$  if  $u = e^{x-y}$ .

$$u_x = e^{x-y} \implies u_{xx} = e^{x-y}$$

$$u_y = -e^{x-y} \implies u_{yy} = e^{x-y}$$

$$u_x + u_y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 2u$$

$$u_x - u_y = 2u \quad \text{and} \quad u_{xx} - u_{yy} = 0$$



# History of PDE

# History



- 1694: Leibniz used partial process, not explicitly,  $\delta m$  for  $\partial m / \partial x$  and  $\vartheta m$  for  $\partial m / \partial y$ , a letter to de l'Hospital.
- 1694: Leibniz used partial differential equations to find envelope of the circles  $x^2 + y^2 + b^2 = 2bx + ab$
- 1717: Hermann used PDE in problem of orthogonal trajectories to plane curves
- 1752: d'Alembert introduced one dimensional wave equation as a model of vibrating string
- 1759: Euler extended d'Alembert's work
- 1762: D. Bernoulli extended to 2 and 3 dimensional wave equations
- 1780: Laplace studied gravitational potential fields



# History

- 1755: Euler equation of incompressible flows
- 1760: Minimal surface equation by Lagrange
- 1775: Monge-Ampere equation by Monge
- 1813: Laplace and Poisson equations by Poisson
- 1828: by Green
- 1839: by Gauss



# History



- Navier-Stokes Equation for fluid flows: 1822-1827 by Navier, 1831 by Poisson and 1845 by Stokes
- Linear Elasticity, Navier 1821 and Cauchy 1822
- Maxwell's equation: 1864
- Helmholtz equation and Eigenvalue problem for the Laplace operator: 1860
- Plateau problem: 1840
- Korteweg-De Vries equation: 1896

# History of Solutions



- Method of separation of variables: 1747 by d'Alembert, 1748 by Euler for wave equation, 1748 by Laplace and Legendre for Laplace equation and 1811-1824 by Fourier for heat equation.
- Infinite series solution in 1870's  $\implies$  Fourier Series and Fourier Integrals
- Real Harmonic and Analytic function of a single complex variable from Riemann (1851) to C. Neumann, Schwarz, Christoffel (1870)
- Green's function and special singular solutions for Laplace equation: 1835
- Dirichlet Principle: 1833 - 1851, by Green, Gauss, Kelvin and Riemann

# History of Solutions



- Power Series method by Euler, d'Alembert, Laplace and others
- Power series method for nonlinear PDEs: 1840 by Cauchy
- Convergent power series to general systems: 1875 by Kowalewsky and Simplified by Goursat in 1898
- Existence of Dirichlet principle/integral questioned by Riemann  $\Rightarrow$  23 Problems by Hilbert known as Hilbert Problems (regularity, existence etc)
- Method of integral equations by Neumann 1877, then by Poincare, Fredholm and Hilbert
- Picard's successive approximation, 1880's

# History: 1900-today



- Hilbert, Levi, Lebesgue, Fubini, Zaremba, Tonelli, Courant
- Ascoli's theorem, Sobolev spaces, Weak solutions, distributions, well-posedness, ill-posedness, regularity, parametrix method
- Leray-Schauder theory, Singular Integrals, energy methods, Hilbert transform, Weyl lemma, hypoellipticity, pseudo-differential operator, Hille-Yosida theory, spectral theories, maximum principle



# Preliminaries-II

# Examples

Let us revisit the ODE example again



## Examples

$$f(x) = 4x^2 \implies f'(x) = 8x \stackrel{?}{\implies} f(x) = 4x^2$$

$$y = e^{5x} \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = 5e^{5x} \stackrel{?}{\implies} y = e^{5x}$$

$$y = \sin x + x^2 \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x + 2x \stackrel{?}{\implies} y = \sin x + x^2$$

# Examples



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## Examples

$$f(x) = 4x^2 \implies f'(x) = 8x \implies f(x) = 4x^2 + C_1$$

$$y = e^{5x} \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = 5e^{5x} \implies y = e^{5x} + C_2$$

$$y = \sin x + x^2 \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x + 2x \implies y = \sin x + x^2 + C_3$$

What do these  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  represent? Note that, the derivative measures the slope of tangent lines of a given curve. However, when you know a tangent line, you end up with a family of curves or no curve.



# Examples

Let us revisit the PDE example again



## Examples

$$u = e^{x-y} \implies u_x + u_y = 0 \stackrel{?}{\implies} u = e^{x-y}$$

$$u = e^{x-y} \implies u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 2u \stackrel{?}{\implies} u = e^{x-y}$$

Will you get a unique answer?

# Examples



In fact, what we will see in our next class

## Examples

$$u_x + u_y = 0 \implies u = f(x - y)^1$$

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 2u \quad \text{Helmholtz equation* with } k^2 < 0$$

Will you get a unique answer? <sup>1</sup> Using method of characteristics. \*Separation of variable can be used to find solution, however, we need more assumptions and BCs to solve this problem.