

**LECTURE NOTE-3****Solution of Linear PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS****LAGRANGE'S METHOD:**

An equation of the form  $Pp + Qq = R$  is said to be Lagrange's type of partial differential equations.

**Working Rule for solving  $Pp + Qq = R$  by Lagrange's method**

**STEP 1** Put the given linear partial differential equation of first order in the standard form

$$Pp + Qq = R \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

**STEP 2** Write down Lagrange's auxiliary equation for (1) namely

$$\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

**STEP 3** Solve (2) by using the well known methods. Let  $u(x, y, z) = c_1$  and  $v(x, y, z) = c_2$  be two independent solutions of (2).

**STEP 4** The general solution (or integral) of (1) is then written in one of the following three equivalent forms:

$$\phi(u, v) = 0, u = \phi(v) \text{ or } v = \phi(u), \phi \text{ being an arbitrary function.}$$

**Examples**

**1.5.(a)** Type I for solving  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

**Ex.1.** Solve  $a(p + q) = z$

**Solution:** Given  $ap + aq = z \dots\dots(1.29)$

The Lagrange's Auxiliary equation of (1.29) are

$$\frac{dx}{a} = \frac{dy}{a} = \frac{dz}{1} \dots\dots(1.30)$$

Taking the first two members of (1.30) we have

$$dx - dy = 0 \dots\dots(1.31)$$

Integrating (1.31)

$$x - y = c_1 \dots\dots(1.32)$$

Taking the last two members of (1.30) we have

$$dy - a dz = 0 \quad \dots(1.33)$$

Integrating (1.33) ,

$$y - az = c_2 \quad \dots(1.34)$$

From (1.32) and (1.34), the required solution is given by

$$\phi(x - y, y - az) = 0, \quad \phi \text{ being an arbitrary function.}$$

**Exercise 2.** Solve  $2p + 3q = 1$

**Solution.** Given  $2p + 3q = 1$  ....(1.35)

The Lagrange's Auxiliary equation of (1.35) are

$$\frac{dx}{2} = \frac{dy}{3} = \frac{dz}{1} \quad \dots(1.36)$$

Taking the first two members of (1.36), we have

$$3dx - 2dy = 0 \quad \dots(1.37)$$

Integrating (1.37)

$$3x - 2y = c_1 \quad \dots(1.38)$$

Taking the last two members of (1.36), we have

$$dy - 3dz = 0 \quad \dots(1.39)$$

Integrating (1.39)

$$y - 3z = c_2 \quad \dots(1.40)$$

From (1.38) and (1.40), the required solution is given by

$$\phi(3x - 2y, y - 3z) = 0, \quad \phi \text{ being an arbitrary function.}$$

**Ex. 3.** Solve  $yzp + 2xq = xy$

**1.5 (b) Type 2 for solving**  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

**Ex.1.** Solve  $xzp + yzq = xy$

**Sol.** Given  $xzp + yzq = xy$  ... (1.41)

The Lagrange's subsidiary equations for (1.41) are

$$\frac{dx}{xz} = \frac{dy}{yz} = \frac{dz}{xy} \quad \dots(1.42)$$

Taking the first two fractions of (1.42)

$$\frac{dx}{x} - \frac{dy}{y} = 0 \quad \dots(1.43)$$

Integrating (1.43),

$$\log x - \log y = \log c_1 \quad \text{or} \quad x/y = c_1 \quad \dots(1.44)$$

From (1.44)  $x = c_1 y$ .

From second and third fraction of (1.42), we get

$$\frac{dy}{yz} = \frac{dz}{c_1 y^2} \quad \text{or} \quad c_1 y dy - z dz = 0 \quad \dots(1.45)$$

Integrating (1.45)

$$\frac{1}{2} c_1 y^2 - \frac{1}{2} z^2 = \frac{1}{2} c_2$$

or  $c_1 y^2 - z^2 = c_2$

or  $xy - z^2 = c_2$  using (1.44) ... (1.46)

From (1.44) and (1.46), the required general solution is

$$\phi(xy - z^2, x/y) = 0, \phi \text{ being an arbitrary function.}$$

**Exercise 2.** Solve the partial differential equation  $p - 2q = 3x^2 \sin(y+2x)$

**1.5(c) Type 3 for solving**  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

**Ex 1.** Solve  $(mz - ny)p + (nx - lz)q = ly - mx$

**Sol.** The Lagrange's auxiliary equation of the given equation are

$$\frac{dx}{mz - ny} = \frac{dy}{nx - lz} = \frac{dz}{ly - mx} \quad \dots(1.47)$$

Changing x, y, z as multipliers, each fraction of (1.47)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x(mz - ny) + y(nx - lz) + z(ly - mx)} \\ &= \frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{0} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$

or  $2xdx + 2ydy + 2zdz = 0$

Integrating,  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c_1$  . .. (1.48)

Again choose l, m, n as multipliers, each fraction of (1.47)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{ldx + mdy + ndz}{l(mz - ny) + m(nx - lz) + n(ly - mx)} \\ &= \frac{ldx + mdy + n dz}{0} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $ldx + mdy + n dz = 0$

so that  $lx + my + nz = c_2$  ...(1.49)

From (1.48) and (1.49), the required general solution is given by

$$\phi(x^2 + y^2 + z^2, ldx + mdy + n dz) = 0$$

**Exercise 2.** Solve  $x(y - z)p + y(z - x)q = \frac{(x - y)}{xy}$

**Solve the following partial differnetial equations:**

(1). Solve  $pz - qz = z^2 + (x + y)^2$

Solution:  $pz - qz = z^2 + (x + y)^2$  ...(1.52)

The Lagrange's subsidiary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{z} = \frac{dy}{z} = \frac{dz}{z^2 + (x + y)^2}$$

Taking the first two fractions of (1.52), we get

$$x + y = c_1$$

From first and third fraction of (1.52), we get

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

or 
$$\frac{dx}{z} = \frac{dz}{z^2 + c_1^2}$$

Integrating we get

or 
$$\int dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2z dz}{z^2 + c_1^2}$$

or 
$$x = \frac{1}{2} \log(z^2 + c_1^2) + c_2$$

or 
$$x - \frac{1}{2} \log(z^2 + c_1^2) = c_2$$

The general solutions is given by

$$f(c_1, c_2) = 0$$

or 
$$f\left[x + y, x - \frac{1}{2} \log\{z^2 + (x + y)^2\}\right] = 0$$

**Exercise (2).** Solve  $(y + z)p + (z + x)q = (x + y)$

**Sol:**  $(y + z)p + (z + x)q = (x + y)$

The auxiliary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{y+z} = \frac{dy}{z+x} = \frac{dz}{x+y} \quad \dots (1.53)$$

Using  $(1, -1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, -1)$  each fraction of (1.53) is equal to

$$\frac{dx-dy}{y+z-z-x} = \frac{dx-dz}{y+z-x-y}$$

$$\frac{dx-dy}{y-x} = \frac{dx-dz}{z-x}$$

Integrating we get

or 
$$\int \frac{dx-dy}{y-x} = \int \frac{dx-dz}{z-x}$$

$$\log(x - y) = \log(x - z) + \log c_1$$

or 
$$\frac{x-y}{x-z} = c_1$$

Also using multipliers  $(1, -1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1, 1)$ , each fraction of (1.53) is equal to

or 
$$\frac{dx-dy}{y+z-z-x} = \frac{dx+dy+dz}{2(x+y+z)}$$

or 
$$2 \frac{dx-dy}{x-y} = -\frac{dx+dy+dz}{(x+y+z)}$$

Integrating we get

$$2 \log(x - y) = -\log(x + y + z) + \log c_2$$

or 
$$(x - y)^2(x + y + z) = c_2$$

The solution of the given equation is

$$f(c_1, c_2) = 0$$

or 
$$f\left[\frac{x-y}{x-z}, (x - y)^2(x + y + z)\right] = 0$$

**Exercise (3).** Solve  $(z^2 - 2yz - y^2)p + (xy + zx)q = xy - zx$  .

**Solution:**  $(z^2 - 2yz - y^2)p + (xy + zx)q = xy - zx$  .

The subsidiary auxiliary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{z^2-2yz-y^2} = \frac{dy}{(xy+zx)} = \frac{dz}{xy-zx} \quad \dots(1.54)$$

From 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fraction we get

$$\frac{dy}{xy+zx} = \frac{dz}{xy-zx}$$

or 
$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{y+z}{y-z} \quad \dots (1.55)$$

It is a homogeneous equation therefore we put  $y = vz$

So that 
$$\frac{dy}{dz} = v + z \frac{dv}{dz}$$

Then (1.55) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
& v+z \frac{dv}{dz} = \frac{(vz+z)}{(vz-z)} \\
\Rightarrow & z \frac{dv}{dz} = \frac{v+1}{v-1} - v \\
\Rightarrow & z \frac{dv}{dz} = \frac{v+1-v^2+v}{v-1} \\
\Rightarrow & z \frac{dv}{dz} = \frac{-v^2+2v+1}{v-1} \\
\Rightarrow & \frac{(v-1)dv}{v^2-2v-1} = -\frac{dz}{z} \\
\Rightarrow & -\frac{(v-1)dv}{v^2-2v-1} = \frac{dz}{z}
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow & -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2(v-1)dv}{v^2-2v-1} = \int \frac{dz}{z} \\
\Rightarrow & -\frac{1}{2} \log(v^2-2v-1) = \log z + \log c_1 \\
\Rightarrow & (v^2-2v-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = zc_1 \\
\Rightarrow & c_1 = \frac{1}{\left(z^2v^2-2z^2v-z^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
\Rightarrow & c_1 = \frac{1}{\left(z^2\frac{y^2}{z^2}-2z^2\frac{y}{z}-z^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}
\end{aligned}$$

Also using multipliers  $(x, y, z)$ , we get fraction of (1.55), equal to

$$\frac{xdx+yd y+zd z}{xz^2-2xyz-xy^2+xy^2+xyz+xyz-xz^2}$$

or

$$\frac{xdx+yd y+zd z}{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$$

Integrating we get

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} = \frac{c_2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c_2$$

The general solution is given by

$$f(c_1, c_2) = 0$$

or 
$$f\left(\frac{1}{(y^2 - 2zy - z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}, x^2 + y^2 + z^2\right) = 0$$

**Exercise (4).** Solve  $(y^2 + z^2 - x^2)p + 2xyq + 2zx = 0$  .

**Exercise (5).** Solve  $\left(\frac{y^2z}{x}\right)p + zxq = y^2$

**Solution:** The Lagrange's auxiliary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{\frac{y^2z}{x}} = \frac{dy}{zx} = \frac{dz}{y^2}$$

or 
$$\frac{xdx}{y^2z} = \frac{dy}{zx} = \frac{dz}{y^2}$$

From 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fractions we get

$$\frac{xdx}{y^2z} = \frac{dy}{zx}$$

or 
$$x^2dx = y^2dy$$

integrating

$$\frac{x^3}{3} = \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{c_1}{3}$$

$$c_1 = x^3 - y^3$$

From 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fractions we get

$$\frac{xdx}{y^2z} = \frac{dz}{y^2}$$



or  $xdx = zdz$

integrating

or  $\frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{c_2}{2}$

or  $c_2 = x^2 - z^2$

The general solution is given by

$$f(c_1, c_2) = 0$$

$$f(x^3 - y^3, x^2 - z^2) = 0$$

**Exercise (6).** Solve  $(x^2 - yz)p + (y^2 - zx)q = z^2 - xy$

**Solution:** The subsidiary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{x^2 - yz} = \frac{dy}{y^2 - zx} = \frac{dz}{z^2 - xy}$$

Using the multipliers  $(1, -1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1, -1)$ , we get

$$\frac{dx - dy}{x^2 - yz - y^2 + zx} = \frac{dy - dz}{y^2 - zx - z^2 + xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx - dy}{x^2 - y^2 + z(x - y)} = \frac{dy - dz}{y^2 - z^2 + x(y - z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx - dy}{(x - y)(x + y) + z(x - y)} = \frac{dy - dz}{(y - z)(y + z) + x(y - z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx - dy}{(x - y)(x + y + z)} = \frac{dy - dz}{(y - z)(x + y + z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx - dy}{(x - y)} = \frac{dy - dz}{(y - z)}$$

Integrating we get

$$\log(x - y) = \log(y - z) + \log c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{x - y}{y - z}$$

Using the multipliers  $(1, 0, -1)$  and  $(0, 1, -1)$ , we get

$$\frac{dx-dz}{x^2-yz-z^2+xy} = \frac{dy-dz}{y^2-zx-z^2+xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx-dz}{x^2-z^2+y(x-z)} = \frac{dy-dz}{y^2-z^2+x(y-z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx-dz}{(x-z)(x+z)+y(x-z)} = \frac{dy-dz}{(y-z)(y+z)+x(y-z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx-dz}{(x-z)(x+y+z)} = \frac{dy-dz}{(y-z)(x+y+z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx-dz}{(x-z)} = \frac{dy-dz}{(y-z)}$$

Integrating we get

$$\log(x-z) = \log(y-z) + \log c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{x-z}{y-z}$$

The general solution is  $f(c_1, c_2) = 0$

or  $f\left(\frac{x-y}{y-z}, \frac{x-z}{y-z}\right) = 0$

**Exercise (7)**  $z(xp - yq) = y^2 - x^2$

**Exercise (8).**  $\frac{y-z}{yz}p + \frac{z-x}{zx}q = \frac{x-y}{xy}$

**Solution:** Here  $P = \frac{y-z}{yz}$ ,  $Q = \frac{z-x}{zx}$ ,  $R = \frac{x-y}{xy}$

The Lagrange's auxiliary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{\frac{y-z}{yz}} = \frac{dy}{\frac{z-x}{zx}} = \frac{dz}{\frac{x-y}{xy}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{yzdx}{y-z} = \frac{zxdy}{z-x} = \frac{xydz}{x-y}$$

Using multipliers  $(x, y, z)$ , each ratio is equal to

$$\frac{xyzdx + xyzdy + xyzdz}{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow dx + dy + dz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y + z = c_1$$

Also using  $(1, 1, 1)$ , we have each ratio equal to

$$\frac{yzdx + xzdy + xydz}{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow yzdx + xzdy + xydz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d(xyz) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow xyz = c_2$$

The general solution is  $f(c_1, c_2) = 0$

or  $f(x + y + z, xyz) = 0$

**Exercise (9)**  $z - xp - yq = a\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

**Sol:** The given equation can be written as

$$xp + yq = z - a\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

The auxiliary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z - a\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \quad \dots (1.56)$$

Using  $(x, y, z)$  as multipliers and equating the resultant fraction with the first fraction of (1.56) we get

$$\frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - az\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \frac{dx}{x} \quad \dots (1.57)$$

Taking  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = u^2$  ; we have

$$xdx + ydy + zdz = du$$

So that equation (1.57) reduces to

$$\frac{du}{u - az} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\log(u - az) = \log(x) + \log c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u - az}{x} = c_1$$

or  $\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} - az}{x} = c_1$

Now taking the 1<sup>st</sup> two fractions of (1.56), we get

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dy}{y}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\Rightarrow \log x = \log y + \log c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = c_2$$

The general solution of the given equation is given by  $f(c_1, c_2) = 0$

or 
$$f\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}-az}{x}, \frac{x}{y}\right)$$

**Exercise (10):** Solve  $p + 3q = 5z + \tan(y - 3x)$

**Solution:** Here  $P = 1$ ,  $Q = 3$ , and  $R = 5z + \tan(y - 3x)$

Therefore the subsidiary equations are

$$\frac{dx}{1} = \frac{dy}{3} = \frac{dz}{5z + \tan(y-3x)} \quad \dots(1.58)$$

From first two fractions of (1) we get

$$\frac{dx}{1} = \frac{dy}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow dy - 3dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 3x = c_1$$

From 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fractions of (1.58) we get

$$\frac{dx}{1} = \frac{dz}{5z + \tan(y-3x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{1} = \frac{dz}{5z + \tan c_1} \quad [\text{using } c_1]$$

Integrating, we get

$$\Rightarrow \int dx = \int \frac{dz}{5z + \tan c_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{5} \log(5z + \tan c_1) + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{1}{5} \log\{5z + \tan(y - 3x)\} = c_2 \quad \dots (1.59)$$

The general solution is given by  $f(c_1, c_2) = 0$

$$\text{or} \quad f \left[ y - 3x, x - \frac{1}{5} \log\{5z + \tan(y - 3x)\} \right] = 0$$