



TOPIC 1: CLASSIFICATION OF PDE

Unit - III  
Classification of PDE.

1.  $B^2 - 4AC = 0 \rightarrow$  Parabolic.  
 $B^2 - 4AC < 0 \rightarrow$  Elliptic.  
 $B^2 - 4AC > 0 \rightarrow$  hyperbolic.

1. classify  $x f_{xx} + y f_{yy} = 0$ .  $x > 0, y > 0$ .  
 $A = x$ .  
 $B = 0$ .  
 $C = y$ .  
 $B^2 - 4AC = 0^2 - 4(x)(y)$ .  
 $= -4xy$ .  
The given equation is  
Elliptic. 2. Mark

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2. classify  $U_{xx} - 2U_{xy} + U_{yy} = 0$ .  
 $A = 1$   
 $b = -2$ .  
 $C = 1$   
 $B^2 - 4AC = (-2)^2 - 4(1)(1)$   
 $= 4 - 4$   
 $= 0$ .  
The given equation is  
Parabolic.





3. classify  $f_{xx} - 2f_{xy} = 0$   $x > 0, y > 0$ .

$A = 1, B = -2, C = 0$ .

$B^2 - 4AC = (-2)^2 - 4(1)(0)$   
 $= 4$

The given equation is  
hyperbolic

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$+ \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + 4 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} - 1^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + 7v = x^2 + y^2$

$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = u_{xx} \quad A = 1$

$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} = u_{xy} \quad B = 4$

$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = u_{yy} \quad C = 4$

$B^2 - 4AC = (4)^2 - 4(1)(4)$   
 $= 16 - 16$   
 $= 0$

The given equation is  
Parabolic

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2.  $x^2 f_{xx} + (1-y^2) f_{yy} = 0, -1 < y < 1, -\infty < x < \infty$ .

case (i) if  $y = 0, B^2 - 4AC < 0$  elliptic.

ii) If  $y = 1$  or  $y = -1$  Parabolic.  
 $x = 0$  Parabolic.





One dimensional wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \text{ where } a^2 = \frac{\text{Tension}}{\text{mass}}$$

Possible solutions of wave equation:

$$1. y(x, t) = [c_1 e^{px} + c_2 e^{-px}] [c_3 e^{pat} + c_4 e^{-pat}]$$

$$2. y(x, t) = [c_5 \cos px + c_6 \sin px] [c_7 \cos pat + c_8 \sin pat]$$

$$y(x, t) = (c_9 x + c_{10})(c_{11} t + c_{12})$$

Problem

1. A string is stretched and fastened at two points  $x=0$  &  $x=l$  apart. Motion is started by displacing the string in the form  $y = lx - x^2$ . From which it is released at time  $t=0$ . Find the displacement of any point on the string at a distance of  $x$  from one end at time  $t$ .

