

Nonlinear First Order PDEs.

We will investigate: $F(Du, u, x) = 0$.

where $\bar{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $u: \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $F(p, \dots, q, z, x, \dots, x_n) = F(p_1, \dots, p_n, z, x_1, \dots, x_n)$

: $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \times \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Usually subjects to:

$u = g$ or $I \subseteq \partial U$. $g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

(1) Complete Integrals

and Envelopes:

① Complete Integrals:

For $F(Du, u, x) = 0$. Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $n = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A$ parameters. We have solution $u(x, n) \in C^1$.

Denote: $C(Du, D_x u) = \begin{pmatrix} u_{x_1} & u_{x_2} & \cdots & u_{x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{x_n} & u_{x_{n+1}} & \cdots & u_{x_{n+n}} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n+n}$

Def: $u(x, n) \in C^1$ is called complete integral

in $U \times A$ if it solves the equation

for $\forall n \in A$, and $C(Du, D_x u) = n$

Remark: $\text{rc}(\mu_n \nu_{x_n}) = n$ is guaranteeing $\nu(x, a)$

depends on all n independent parameters

$$\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Pf: If ν depends on less than n parameters, i.e.

Suppose $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. $\forall b \in B$, $\forall x, b$, solve $F(D_n u, x) = 0$.

Suppose $\varphi \in C(A, B)$. $\forall x, \varphi(a) = \nu(x, a)$.

$$\text{Then } \nu_{ai} = \sum_1^n V_{bi} (x, \varphi(a)) \varphi_{ai}^{(n)}$$

$$\nu_{x_iaj} = \sum_1^n V_{x_ibk} (x, \varphi(a)) \varphi_{aj}^{(n)} \quad \text{we obtain:}$$

A $n \times n$ submatrix of $(D_n u, D_n u)$ has form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{x_1 b_1} & \cdots & V_{x_1 b_m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ V_{x_n b_1} & \cdots & V_{x_n b_m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{11} & \cdots & \varphi_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi_{nn} & \cdots & \varphi_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or replace some}$$

$$\text{row } \begin{pmatrix} V_{x_k b_1} \\ \vdots \\ V_{x_k b_m} \end{pmatrix}^\top \text{ by } \begin{pmatrix} V_{b_1} \\ \vdots \\ V_{b_m} \end{pmatrix}^\top, \text{ rank} \leq m$$

$\therefore \text{rc}(\mu_n \nu_{x_n}) < n$. Since these matrix have det 0.

e.g. Clairaut's equation:

$$x \cdot D_n + f(D_n) = n. \quad f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

One complete integral: $\nu(x, a) = x \cdot X + f(a)$.

② New solution from envelop:

Next, we will show how to construct more solutions from $\nu(x, a)$. as the envelop of complete integral

Def: For $u(x, \alpha) \in C'$, $x \in U$, $\alpha \in A$. Consider

$D_\alpha u(x, \alpha) = 0$. Solve $\vec{u} = \vec{\phi}(x)$. we have:

$D_\alpha(u(x, \phi(x))) = 0$. call $v(x) = u(x, \phi(x))$

is the envelop of $(u(x, \alpha))_{\alpha \in A}$. (Singular Integral)

Thm. If $u(x, \alpha)$ solves $F(D_\alpha u, u, x) = 0$, for $\forall \alpha \in A$.

and $(u(x, \alpha))_{\alpha \in A}$ has envelop $v(x) \in C'$.

Then v solve $F(D_\alpha v, v, x) = 0$, as well.

Pf: $v_{x_i} = u_{x_i} + \sum_1^m u_{\alpha_j} (x, \phi(x)) \phi_{x_i}^j = u_{x_i}$

Since $D_\alpha v(x) = D_\alpha u(x, \phi(x)) = 0$.

Remark: Find smooth $u(x, \alpha)$. Consider complete integral.

To generate more solution, consider $A' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$

$h: A' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}'$. St. $h \in C'$. $G(h) \subseteq A$. Then:

$a = (a', h(a')) \in A$.

Def: General Integral depend on h is envelop

$v'(x)$ of $u'(x, a') = u(x, a', h(a'))$

Remark: Find solutions depend on arbitrary h

\Rightarrow Find all solutions. e.g. $F = F_1 \cdot F_2$.

u_1 is complete integral of F_1 . We will

miss solution of F_2 . Since we just have F_1 's.

(2) Characteristics:

For $F(Du, u, x) = 0$ subject to $u = \varphi$ in $I \subseteq \partial U$.

The idea of method of characteristics is finding appropriate path $\vec{x}(s)$, connecting x^0 fix and $x^0 \in I$. (since $u(x^0) = u(x^0)$). Calculate u on this path by solving an ODE.

① Procedure:

Def: $z(s) = u(x(s))$ record value of u along $x(s)$
 $p(s) = Du(x(s))$ record gradient of u along $x(s)$

1) Differentiate $F(Du, u, x)$ on x_i :

$$\sum_j F_{pj} (Du, u, x) u_{x_j x_i} + F_z (Du, u, x) u_{x_i} + F_{x_i} = 0.$$

2) For $u_{x_j x_i}$. Differentiate $p^{(s)} = u_{x_i}(x(s))$:

$$\text{i.e. } \dot{p}^{(s)} = \sum u_{x_i x_j}(x(s)) \dot{x}^{(s)}_j.$$

Let $\dot{x}^{(s)} = F_{p_j}(p^{(s)}, z^{(s)}, x^{(s)})$ which is for offsetting the equation 1) when $x = x(s)$:

$$\text{i.e. } \sum F_{pj}(p^{(s)}, z^{(s)}, x^{(s)}) u_{x_j x_i} + F_z(p, z, x) + F_{x_i} = 0$$

3) Obtain $\dot{p}^{(s)}$:

$$\dot{p}^{(s)} = - F_z(p^{(s)}, z^{(s)}, x^{(s)}) - F_{x_i}(p^{(s)}, z^{(s)}, x^{(s)}).$$

4) Obtain $z(s)$:

$$\dot{z}^{(s)} = \sum u_{x_j}(x(s)) \dot{x}^{(s)}_j = \sum \dot{p}^{(s)} F_{pj}(p^{(s)}, z^{(s)}, x^{(s)}).$$

\Rightarrow Characteristic Equations: (CEs)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}(s) = D_p F(p(s), z(s), x(s)) \\ \dot{z}(s) = D_p F(p(s), z(s), x(s)) \cdot p(s) \\ \dot{p}(s) = -D_x F(p, z, x) - D_z F(p, z, x). \end{array} \right. \quad \text{with } F(p(s), z(s), x(s)) = 0.$$

Thm. (Structure of characteristic ODE)

$u \in C^1(U)$ solves $F(Du, u, x) = 0$ in U . If

$x(s)$ solves the CEs. Then $p(s) = Du(x(s))$

$z(s) = u(x(s))$ solves CEs as well.

5) After solving $x(s), z(s)$.

We have: $x(s) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \vec{R}(x^*, s), \quad x^* \in I$.

$z(s) = u(x(s)) = \vec{Q}(x^*, s) = \vec{Q}(\vec{R}(x^*), s)$

Solve $\vec{x}^* = \vec{x}^*(\vec{x})$, $s = s(\vec{x})$.

$\therefore u(\vec{x}) = u(x(s)) = z(s) = \vec{Q}(\vec{R}(x^*), s) = \vec{Q}(\vec{x})$.

③ Boundary Conditions:

i) Straightening the boundary:

Figure:

Suppose we straighten ∂U

$$\bar{V} \xrightarrow[\phi]{\gamma} \bar{U}$$

locally at x^* to ∂V .

$$V \xrightarrow[\phi]{\gamma} U$$

$$\begin{cases} x = \gamma(\eta) & \bar{U} = \gamma(V) \\ \gamma = \phi(x) & \bar{V} = \phi(\bar{U}) \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta \xrightarrow[\phi]{\gamma} I$$

We obtain: $u(x) = u(\psi_{\eta(x)}) = v_{\eta(x)}$. $x \in \bar{U}$

$$v(\eta) = V(\phi(x)) = u(x). \quad \eta \in \bar{V}$$

$$\therefore u_{x_i} = \sum v_{\eta_k} (\phi(x)) \phi_{x_i}^k (x) \quad \text{i.e. } D_x u(x) = Dv(\eta) \cdot D_x \phi(x).$$

$$F(Du, u, x) = F(Dv(\eta), D\phi(\psi_{\eta(x)}), v(\eta), \psi_{\eta(x)}) = 0.$$

Denote it by $G(Dv(\eta), v(\eta), \eta) = 0$.

Besides, $v = h(\eta) = g(\psi_{\eta(x)})$ on $A = \phi(I)$

ii) Compatibility conditions:

Suppose $x^0 \in I$. I is flat near x^0 : lying in $\{x_n=0\}$.

For $X^0 = x_{00}, p^0 = p_{00}, Z^0 = z_{00} = u(X^0) = g(X^0)$.

$\therefore u_{x_i}(X^0) = f_{x_i}(X^0)$. The initial condition for p :

$$\begin{cases} p_i^0 = f_{x_i}(X^0) & \text{we call them compatibility} \\ F(p^0, Z^0, X^0) = 0 & \text{condition. } (p^0, Z^0, X^0) \text{ are admissible.} \end{cases}$$

Remark: p^0 satisfies it may not exist or be unique.

iii) Noncharacteristic boundary data:

Suppose we have ascertained (p^0, Z^0, X^0) have appropriate boundary conditions for CEs.

Ask: Can we perturb (p^0, Z^0, X^0) slightly then the compatibility condition still retain.

For $\eta \in I$, closed to x^0 . (I is straightened)

$$\eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{n+1,0}) \quad X^0 = (X_1^0, \dots, X_{n+1,0}^0).$$

We intend to solve CEs with the initial condition: $p(0) = q_0(\eta)$, $Z(0) = q_1(\eta)$, $X(0) = \eta$.

i.e. Find $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ st. $\varphi(x^0) = p^0$.

and $(q_0(\eta), q_1(\eta), \eta)$ are admissible.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{q}_i(\eta) = q_{xi}(\eta), 1 \leq i \leq n & (\eta_n = 0 = x_n) \\ f(q_0(\eta), q_1(\eta), \eta) = 0 & \eta \in I, \text{ close} \end{cases} \rightarrow x^0.$$

Lemma If $F_p(p^0, Z^0, X^0) \neq 0$. Then there exists unique $q(\eta)$ satisfies them. ^(*) call it by characteristic condition.

Pf. Find $q(\eta)$: By Implicit Func. Thm.

Remark: Generally, I isn't flat near x^0 .

Then the condition become:

$D_p F(p^0, Z^0, X^0) \cdot \vec{v}(x^0) \neq 0$. $\vec{v}(x^0)$ is outer normal vector of ∂U at x^0 .

③ Local Solutions:

- Suppose (p^0, Z^0, X^0) is admissible, noncharacteristic
- Then $\exists q(\eta), p^0 = q(\eta, x^0)$, $(q(\eta), q_1(\eta), \eta)$ is admissible for $\forall \eta$ close to x^0 . $\eta \in I$.

Denote $\begin{cases} p(s) = p(\eta, s) \\ Z(s) = Z(\eta, s) \\ X(s) = x(\eta, s) \end{cases}$ i.e. p, Z, X depend on initial value η .

Lemma. (Local Invertibility)

$F_{p \in C^1} : \mathbb{R}^n, x^* \neq 0$. Then $\exists I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$: neighbour of 0. $W \subseteq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$: neighbour of x^* and $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$: neighbour of x^* st.

$W \times I \xrightarrow{x} V$ is C^2 -homeomorphism.
 $\eta, s \mapsto x = x(\eta, s)$

Pf: $x(x^*, 0) = x^*$. By Implicit Func Thm.

PROVE: $|D(x(x^*, 0))| \neq 0$.

$x(\eta, 0) = u(\eta, 0)$, for $(\eta, 0) = x^*$.

$$\therefore D_\eta x(\eta, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} I_m \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore D_s x(\eta, 0) = F_p(p(\eta, 0), x(\eta, 0))$$

$$\therefore D x(x^*, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & f \\ 0 & F_{p \in C^1}(p(x^*), x^*) \end{pmatrix}$$

Thm. Under the condition in the Lemma. We can solve

$x = x(\eta, s)$ for $\eta = \eta(x)$, $s = s(x)$. Define $u(x)$

$= z(x(\eta(x), s(x)))$. Then $u(x)$ solves $F(Du, u, x) = 0$

in V . $u(x) = g(x)$ on $I \cap V$. locally. ($V \subseteq U$)

Pf: 1') For $\eta \in I$ close to x^* : we have:

$$f(\eta, 0) \stackrel{A}{=} F(p(\eta, 0), z(\eta, 0), x(\eta, 0)) = 0, \forall s \in I.$$

$$\text{Note: } f(\eta, 0) = F(z(\eta, 0), g(\eta, 0), \eta) = 0$$

$$f_s(\eta, 0) = 0 \quad (\text{replace } p, z, x).$$

2') By lemma. $x(\eta, 0) = x^*$. $\therefore F(p(x^*), u(x^*), x^*) = 0$

prove: $p(x) = Du(x)$, check $p'(x) = D_u u$. directly.