

Compatibility system and Charpit's Method

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1 Pfaffian Differential Equations

By a pfaffian differential equation, we mean a differential equation of the form

$$F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_1 + F_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_2 + \dots + F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_n = 0 \quad (1)$$

where F_i 's are continuous function. The left of above equation is called a-pfaffian differential equation form.

A pfaffian differential equation is said to be exact, if we can find continuously differential function $u(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ such that

$$du = F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_1 + F_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_2 + \dots + F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_n \quad (2)$$

A pfaffian differential equation is said to be integrable if \exists a non-zero differential function $\mu(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ such that the pfaffian differential equation form

$$\mu[F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_1 + F_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_2 + \dots + F_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)dx_n] \quad (3)$$

is exact. The function $\mu(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is called integrating factor and $u(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c$, where c is an arbitrary constant, is called the integral of the corresponding pfaffian differential equation.

Theorem 1. *There always exists an integrating factor for a-pfaffian differential equation in two variables.*

Proof. Do yourself. □

Lemma Let $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ be two function of x and y such that $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \neq 0$.

If, further

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = 0 \quad (4)$$

then, \exists a relation

$$F(u, v) = 0 \quad (5)$$

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between u and v not involving explicitly.

proof: Since $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \neq 0$, we can eliminate y between $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$, obtain the relation

$$F(u, v, x) = 0 \quad (6)$$

On differentiate w.t.to x and y , we get, respectively

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (8)$$

On eliminating $\frac{\partial F}{\partial v}$ from these equations, which is possible $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \neq 0$, we find that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (9)$$

i.e., $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \implies \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$. (Suppose $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$ then $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$ (?)),

F is independent of x .

Theorem 2. Lemma: If $\vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{X}) = 0$, where $\vec{X} = (P, Q, R)$ and μ is an arbitrary differentiable function of x, y and z then $\mu \vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times (\mu \vec{X})) = 0$

Proof. Consider

$$\mu \vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times (\mu \vec{X})) \begin{cases} = \sum_{x,y,z} (\mu P) \left[\frac{\partial(\mu R)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(\mu Q)}{\partial z} \right] \\ = \mu^2 \sum_{x,y,z} P \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right] - \mu \sum_{x,y,z} \left[PR \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial y} - PR \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial z} \right] \\ = \mu^2 \sum_{x,y,z} P \left[\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right] \\ = \mu^2 (\vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{X})) \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Conversely, if $\vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{X}) = 0$ then $\mu^2 (\vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{X})) = 0$ for $\mu \neq 0$ □

Theorem 3. Necessary and sufficient condition A necessary and sufficient that the pfaffian differential equation

$$\vec{X} \cdot d\vec{r} = P(x, y, z)dx + Q(x, y, z)dy + R(x, y, z)dz \quad (11)$$

be integrable is that

$$\vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{X}) = P \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \right) + Q \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right) + R \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \right) = 0 \quad (12)$$

Proof. • **Necessary condition.** For, if above equation is integrable, then \exists differential functions $\mu(x, y, z)$ and $u(x, y, z)$ such that

$$du = u(x, y, z)[P(x, y, z)dx + Q(x, y, z)dy + R(x, y, z)dz] \quad (13)$$

where $\mu(x, y, z) \neq 0$. However

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz \quad (14)$$

comparing these two equation, we get $\mu \vec{X} = \nabla u$. Since $\nabla \times (\nabla u) = 0$, we have $\mu \vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \mu \vec{X}) = 0$

- **sufficient condition.** We treated z as constant ($dz = 0$) then pfaffian equation becomes always integrable in two variables x and y , this has solution of the form $U(x, y, z) = c_1$ may be involves z , there must exists a integrating factor $\mu(x, y, z \neq 0$ such that

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = \mu P, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = \mu Q \quad (15)$$

On multiplying both side of pfaffian equation μ and then substituting the above, we get

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} dz + (\mu R - \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}) dz \quad (16)$$

This implies that

$$dU + K dz = 0, \quad \text{where } k = (\mu R - \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}) \quad (17)$$

hence by Lemma $\mu \vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times (\mu \vec{X})) = 0$ observe that

$$\mu \vec{X} = (\mu P, \mu Q, \mu R) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} + K \right) \\ \nabla U + (0, 0, K) \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

Hence

$$\mu \vec{X} \cdot \nabla (\mu \vec{X}) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} + K \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial K}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}, 0 \right) \\ \frac{\partial(U, K)}{\partial(x, y)} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

Therefore

$$\frac{dU}{dz} + K(U, z) = 0 \quad (20)$$

it posses a solution $\phi(U, z) = c_1$. it can be expressed in the form $u(x, y, z) = c$

□

Example 1. Show that the pfaffian equation is integrable and find integral $yz dx + xdy + 2zdz = 0$

Solution: Since $\nabla \times \vec{X} = 0$, where $\vec{X} = (y, x, 2z)$. Hence pfaffian equation is exact $yz dx + xdy + 2zdz = d(xy + z^2) = 0$. Therefore $u(x, y, z) = xy + z^2 = c$

Example 2. Find integral $yz dx + 2zxdy - 3xydz = 0$

solution: Since $\vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{X}) = 0$, where $\vec{X} = (yz, 2xz, -3xy)$ and $U = xy^2 = c_1$. Then $\mu = \frac{y}{z}$. Further, $K = \frac{y(-3xy)}{z} = -\frac{3U}{z}$. Therefore $\frac{dU}{dz} - \frac{3U}{z} = 0$, hence integral $u(x, y, z) = \frac{xy^2}{z^3} = c$

2 Compatible System of First order partial differential equation

Definition: The equation

$$f(x, y, z, p, q) = 0 \quad (21)$$

and

$$g(x, y, z, p, q) = 0 \quad (22)$$

are compatible on a domain D if

$$(i) \quad j = \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(p, q)} \neq 0, \text{ on } \mathbf{D} \quad (23)$$

$$(ii) \quad p = \phi(x, y, z), \quad q = \psi(x, y, z) \quad (24)$$

where

$$dz = \phi(x, y, z)dx + \psi(x, y, z)dy, \quad \text{is integrable} \quad (25)$$

Theorem 4 (The Necessary and Sufficient for Integrability). *A necessary and sufficient condition for the integrability of $dz = \phi(x, y, z)dx + \psi(x, y, z)dy$ is*

$$[f, g] \equiv \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(x, p)} + p \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(z, p)} + \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(y, q)} + q \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(z, q)} \quad (26)$$

Proof. Given equation is integrable if and only if

$$\vec{X} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{X}) = 0, \text{ where } \vec{X} = (\phi, \psi, -1) \quad (27)$$

$$\text{i.e., } -\phi(-\psi_z + \psi(\phi) - (\psi_x - \phi_y)) = 0$$

$$\psi_x + \phi\psi_z = \phi_y + \psi\phi_z \quad (28)$$

On substituting ϕ and ψ for p and q respectively in Eq. (21) and differentiating it w.r.to x and z , we obtain

$$f_x + f_p\phi_x + f_q\psi_x = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$f_z + f_p\phi_z + f_q\psi_z = 0 \quad (30)$$

On multiplying the second Eq. by ϕ and adding it to first, we get

$$f_x + f_z\phi + f_p(\phi_x + \phi\phi_x) + f_q(\psi_x + \phi\psi_z) = 0 \quad (31)$$

similarly, for Eq.(22) that

$$g_x + g_z\phi + g_p(\phi_x + \phi\phi_x) + g_q(\psi_x + \phi\psi_z) = 0 \quad (32)$$

Solving these equations, we find that

$$\psi_x + \phi\psi_z = \frac{1}{J} \left(\frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(x, p)} + \phi \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(z, p)} \right) \quad (33)$$

If we differentiate the given pair of equations w.r.to y and z , we obtain

$$\phi_x + \psi\phi_z = -\frac{1}{J} \left(\frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(y, q)} + \psi \frac{\partial(f, g)}{\partial(z, q)} \right) \quad (34)$$

Using above result E, we get required result is that $[f, g] = 0$. A solution is of the form $F(x, y, z, c)$, where c is an arbitrary constant. Therefore system is compatible then they have a one-parameter family of common solutions. \square

Note: Compatibility can also be shown by verifying the condition $[f, g] = 0$ and $\frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(p,q)} \neq 0$.

Example 1. Show that the equations $f = xp - yq - x = 0$ and $g = x^2p + q - xz = 0$ are compatibility and also find solutions.

Solution: Since $\frac{\partial(f,g)}{\partial(p,q)} = x(1 + xy) \neq 0$ on the domain D where $D \subseteq \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \exists x \neq 0, xy + 1 \neq 0\}$.

Then on D , we obtain

$$p = \frac{1 + yz}{1 + xy}, \quad q = \frac{x(z - x)}{1 + xy}, \quad \text{then } dz = \frac{1 + yz}{1 + xy}dx + \frac{x(z - x)}{1 + xy}dy \quad (35)$$

$$\text{then } \frac{dz - dx}{z - x} = \frac{ydx + xdy}{1 + xy}, \quad \Rightarrow z = x + c(1 + xy) \quad (36)$$

Remarks: For a compatible system not necessary every solution of $f = 0$ is solution of $g = 0$ and vice-versa. Above example $z = x(1 + y)$ is solution of $f = 0$ but not $g = 0$.

Charpit's method In this, we present a method to find complete integral of first order p.d.e. Let

$$f(x, y, z, p, q) = 0 \quad (37)$$

By compatibility \exists a family of p.d.equations.

$$g(x, y, z, p, q, a) = 0, \quad \text{such that } [f, g] = 0 \quad (38)$$

$$dg = f_p \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + f_q \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + (pf_p + qf_q) \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} - (f_x + pf_z) \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} - (f_y + qf_z) \frac{\partial g}{\partial q} = 0 \quad (39)$$

This is quasi-linear p.d.e. for g with x, y, z, p and q , then Charpit's auxiliary equations be

$$\frac{dx}{f_p} = \frac{dy}{f_q} = \frac{dz}{pf_p + qf_q} = -\frac{dp}{f_x + pf_z} = -\frac{dq}{f_y + pf_z} = \frac{dg}{0} \quad (40)$$

Find out the value of either p (or q) from Charpit's equation and then put this value in given p.d.e to get value of q (or p). Then values of p and q substitute in $dz = pdx + qdy$ then integrate.

Example 2. Find a complete integral of $f = z^2 - pqxy = 0$ by Charpit's method.

Solution:

The Charpit's auxiliary equations of the given p.d.e

$$\frac{dx}{qxy} = \frac{dy}{pxy} = \frac{dz}{2pqxy} = -\frac{dp}{2zp - pqy} = -\frac{dq}{2zq - pqx} \quad (41)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{2z^2} &= \frac{pdx + qdy + xdp + ydq}{2z(px + qy)} \\ \Rightarrow z &= a(xp + qy) \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

which is compatible with $f = 0$ is $g(x, y, z, p, q, a) = z - a(xp + qy) = 0$. Further solving for p and q from $f = 0$ and $g = 0$, we obtain $p = \frac{z}{cx}$, putting the value in $f = 0$, we get $q = \frac{cz}{cy}$, where $a(c + \frac{1}{c}) = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} dz &= \frac{z}{cx} dx + \frac{cz}{cy} dy \\ \Rightarrow z &= bx^{\frac{1}{c}} y^c \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

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