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Ex 1: Eliminate the arbitrary functions f and F from:

$$y = f(x-at) + F(x+at)$$

Sol. $y = f(x-at) + F(x+at)$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = f'(x-at) + F'(x+at)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = f''(x-at) + F''(x+at)$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -a f'(x-at) + F'(x+at) \cdot a$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = a^2 \{ f''(x-at) + F''(x+at) \} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \cdot a^2$$

Hence $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} - a^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = 0$ is the

required PDE

Lagrange's Method for solving PDE

An PDE of the form $Pp + Qq = R$, where P, Q, R are function of x, y, z is known as Lagrange's first order PDE.

Step I: Transform the given PDE of first order in standard form.

$$Pp + Qq = R$$

Step II: Write down Lagrange's Auxiliary Equation

$$\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$$

Step III: Solve ~~both~~ using known methods.

Let $u(x, y, z) = c_1$ and $v(x, y, z) = c_2$ be two independent solutions

Step IV The General Solution can be

written as $\Phi(u, v) = 0$ or $u = \Phi(v)$

or $v = \Phi(u)$

Example: Solve $a(p+q) = z$

~~So~~ So Lagrange Auxiliary Equation is

$$\frac{dx}{a} = \frac{dy}{a} = \frac{dz}{1} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Hence from (1) $\frac{dx}{a} = \frac{dy}{a} \Rightarrow dx - dy = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x - y = c_1 \quad (\text{integrating})$$

where c_1 is integrating constant.

Also from (1)

$$\frac{dy}{a} = \frac{dz}{1} \Rightarrow dy - adz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - az = c_2 \quad (\text{by integration})$$

c_2 is an integrating constant.

So general solution..

$$\Phi(x - y, y - az) = 0$$

where Φ is an arbitrary function.