

## Lagrange's Linear Equation

Equations of the form  $Pp + Qq = R$  (1), where  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are functions of  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ , are known as Lagrange's equation. To solve this equation, let us consider the equations  $u = a$  and  $v = b$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  are arbitrary constants and  $u$ ,  $v$  are functions of  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ .

### Note :

To solve the Lagrange's equation, we have to form the subsidiary or auxiliary equations

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

which can be solved either by the method of grouping or by the method of multipliers.

### PROBLEMS UNDER METHODS OF MULTIPLIERS

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

The given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$p = mz - ny, Q = nx - lz, R = ly - mx.$$

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

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

Using the multipliers  $(x, y, z)$ , each of the ratios in (1) is equal to

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

$$\therefore xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$$

Integrating, we get

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} = \frac{c_1}{2}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c_1$$

$$u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

Using the multipliers  $(l, m, n)$ , each of the ratios in (1) is equal to

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

$$\therefore ldx + mdy + ndz = 0$$

Integrating, we get

$$lx + my + nz = c_2$$

$$v = lx + my + nz$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

$$f(x^2 + y^2 + z^2, lx + my + nz) = 0$$

**Solve  $(3z - 4y)\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + (4x - 2z)\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y - 3x$ .**

Sol: The given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = 3z - 4y, Q = 4x - 2z, R = 2y - 3x$$

The subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

Using the multipliers  $(2, 3, 4)$ , each of the ratios in (1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2dx + 3dy + 4dz}{2(3z - 4y) + 3(4x - 2z) + 4(2y - 3x)} &= \frac{2dx + 3dy + 4dz}{6z - 8y + 12x - 6z + 8y - 12x} \\ &= \frac{2dx + 3dy + 4dz}{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2dx + 3dy + 4dz = 0$$

Integrating, we get

$$2x + 3y + 4z = c_1$$

$$u = 2x + 3y + 4z$$

Using the multipliers  $(x, y, z)$ , each of the multipliers in (1) is equal to

$$\frac{xdx+dy+dz}{x(3z-4y)+y(4x-2z)+z(2y-3x)} = \frac{xdx+dy+dz}{3xz-4xy+4xy-2yz+2yz-3xz}$$

$$= \frac{xdx+dy+dz}{0}$$

$$\therefore xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$$

Integrating, we get

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

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c_2$$

$$v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

$$f(2x + 3y + 4z, x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0$$

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

Sol: The given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = x(y - z), Q = y(z - x), R = z(x - y)$$

The subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

$$\frac{dx}{x(y-z)} = \frac{dy}{y(z-x)} = \frac{dz}{z(x-y)} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Using the multipliers (1,1,1), each of the ratios in (1) is equal to

$$\frac{dx+dy}{x(y-z)+y(z-x)+z(x-y)} = \frac{dx+dy+dz}{xy-xz+yz-xy+xz-zy} = \frac{dx+dy+dz}{0}$$

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

Integrating, we get

$$x + y + z = c_1$$

$$u = x + y + z = c_1$$

Using the multipliers  $\left(\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y}, \frac{1}{z}\right)$ , each of the ratios in (1) is equal to

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

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz}{0}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz = 0$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log x + \log y + \log z &= \log c_2 \\ \log(xyz) &= \log c_2 \\ xyz &= c_2 \\ v &= xyz \end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

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

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

Sol: The given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = x(y^2 - z^2), Q = y(z^2 - x^2), R = z(x^2 - y^2)$$

The subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

$$\frac{dx}{x(y^2 - z^2)} = \frac{dy}{y(z^2 - x^2)} = \frac{dz}{z(x^2 - y^2)} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Using the multipliers  $(x, y, z)$ , each of the multipliers in (1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x^2(y^2 - z^2) + y^2(z^2 - x^2) + z^2(x^2 - y^2)} \\ &= \frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{x^2y^2 - x^2z^2 + y^2z^2 - x^2y^2 + x^2z^2 - y^2z^2} \\ &= \frac{xdx + ydy + zdz}{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore xdx + ydy + zdz = 0$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{z^2}{2} &= \frac{c_1}{2} \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= c_1 \\ u &= x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using the multipliers  $\left(\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y}, \frac{1}{z}\right)$ , each of the ratio in (1) is equal to

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz}{y^2 - z^2 + z^2 - x^2 + x^2 - y^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz}{0}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz = 0$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\log x + \log y + \log z &= \log c_2 \\ \log(xyz) &= \log c_2 \\ xyz &= c_2 \\ v &= xyz\end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

$$f(x^2 + y^2 + z^2, xyz) = 0$$

**Solve  $x^2(y - z)p + y^2(z - x)q = z^2(x - y)$**

Sol: the given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = x^2(y - z), Q = y^2(z - x), R = z^2(x - y)$$

The subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

$$\frac{dx}{x^2(y - z)} = \frac{dy}{y^2(z - x)} = \frac{dz}{z^2(x - y)} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Using the multipliers  $\left(\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y}, \frac{1}{z}\right)$ , each of the ratio in (1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz}{(y - z) + y(z - x) + z(x - y)} &= \frac{\frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz}{xy - xz + yz - xy + xz - yz} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz}{0} \\ \therefore \frac{1}{x}dx + \frac{1}{y}dy + \frac{1}{z}dz &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Interating, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\log x + \log y + \log z &= \log c_1 \\ \log(xyz) &= \log c_1 \\ xyz &= c_1 \\ u &= xyz\end{aligned}$$

Wing the multipliers  $\left(\frac{1}{x^2}, \frac{1}{y^2}, \frac{1}{z^2}\right)$ , each of the ratio in (1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{y^2} dy + \frac{1}{z^2} dz}{y - z + z - x + x - y} &= \frac{\frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{y^2} dy + \frac{1}{z^2} dz}{0} \\ \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{y^2} dy + \frac{1}{z^2} dz &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\log x + \log y + \log z &= \log c_1 \\ \log(xyz) &= \log c_1 \\ xyz &= c_1 \\ u &= xyz\end{aligned}$$

Using the multipliers  $\left(\frac{1}{x^2}, \frac{1}{y^2}, \frac{1}{z^2}\right)$ , each of the ratio in (1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{y^2} dy + \frac{1}{z^2} dz}{y - z + z - x + x - y} &= \frac{\frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{y^2} dy + \frac{1}{z^2} dz}{0} \\ \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{y^2} dy + \frac{1}{z^2} dz &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{z} &= -c_2 \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} &= c_2 \\ v &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

$$f\left(xyz, \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right) = 0$$

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

Sol: The given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = x^2 - yz, Q = y^2 - xz, R = z^2 - xy$$

The subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

$$\frac{dx}{x^2 - yz} = \frac{dy}{y^2 - xz} = \frac{dz}{z^2 - xy} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Using the multipliers  $(y + z, z + x, x + y)$ , each of the ratio in (1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(y + z)dx + (z + x)dy + (x + y)dz}{(y + z)(x^2 - yz) + (z + x)(y^2 - xz) + (x + y)(z^2 - xy)} \\ &= \frac{(y + z)dx + (z + x)dy + (x + y)dz}{x^2y - y^2z + x^2z - yz^2 + zy^2 - xz^2 + xy^2 - x^2z + xz^2 - x^2y + yz^2 - xy^2} \\ &= \frac{(y + z)dx + (z + x)dy + (x + y)dz}{0} \\ & (y + z)dx + (z + x)dy + (x + y)dz = 0 \\ & ydx + zdx + zdy + xdy + xdz + ydz = 0 \\ & ydx + xdy + zdx + xdz + zdy + ydz = 0 \\ & d(yx) + d(zx) + d(zy) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} yx + zx + zy &= c_1 \\ u &= xy + zx + zy \end{aligned}$$

Each of the ratios in (1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{dx - dy}{(x^2 - yz) - (y^2 - xz)} = \frac{dy - dz}{(y^2 - xz) - (z^2 - xy)} \\ & \frac{d(x - y)}{x^2 - yz - y^2 + xz} = \frac{d(y - z)}{y^2 - xz - z^2 + xy} \\ & \frac{d(x - y)}{x^2 - y^2 + xz - yz} = \frac{d(y - z)}{y^2 - z^2 + xy - zx} \\ & \frac{d(x - y)}{(x + y)(x - y) + z(x - y)} = \frac{d(y - z)}{(y + z)(y - z) + x(y - z)} \\ & \frac{d(x - y)}{(x - y)[x + y + z]} = \frac{d(y - z)}{(y - z)[y + z + x]} \\ & \frac{d(x - y)}{x - y} = \frac{d(y - z)}{y - z} \end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\log(x - y) &= \log(y - z) + \log c_2 \\ \log(x - y) - \log(y - z) &= \log c_2 \\ \log\left(\frac{x - y}{y - z}\right) &= \log c_2 \\ \frac{x - y}{y - z} &= c_2 \\ v &= \frac{x - y}{y - z}\end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

$$f\left(xy + yz + zx, \frac{x - y}{y - z}\right) = 0$$



### PROBLEMS UNDER GROUPING

Solve  $xp + yq = z$



Given  $xp + yq = z$

PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = x, Q = y, R = z$$

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

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

the first two ratios, we get

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

Integrating we get

$$\log x = \log y + \log c_1$$

$$\log x - \log y = \log c_1$$

$$\log \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) = \log c_1$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = c_1$$

$$u = \frac{x}{y}$$

Taking the last two ratios, we get

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z}$$

Integrating we get

$$\log y = \log z + \log c_2$$

$$\log y - \log z = \log c_2$$

$$\log \left( \frac{y}{z} \right) = \log c_2$$

$$\frac{y}{z} = c_2$$

$$v = \frac{y}{z}$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

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

**Solve  $xp + yq = x$ .**

Sol: The given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = x, Q = y, R = x$$

The subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

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

Taking the first two ratios, we get

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

Integrating we get

$$\begin{aligned}\log x &= \log y + \log c_1 \\ \log x - \log y &= \log c_1 \\ \log \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) &= \log c_1 \\ \frac{x}{y} &= c_1 \\ u &= \frac{x}{y}\end{aligned}$$

Taking the first and the third ratios, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{x} &= \frac{dz}{x} \\ dx &= dz\end{aligned}$$

Integrating we get

$$\begin{aligned}x &= z + c_2 \\ c_2 &= x - z \\ v &= x - z\end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

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

**Solve  $p \tan x + q \tan y = \tan z$ .**

Sol: Given  $p \tan x + q \tan y = \tan z$

The given PDE is a Lagrange's linear equation with

$$P = \tan x, Q = \tan y, R = \tan z$$

The subsidiary equations are  $\frac{dx}{P} = \frac{dy}{Q} = \frac{dz}{R}$

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

Taking the first two ratios, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{\tan x} &= \frac{dy}{\tan y} \\ \cot x dx &= \cot y dy \end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\sin x) &= \log(\sin y) + \log c_1 \\ &= \log(\sin y c_1) \\ \sin x &= \sin y c_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\sin y} = c_1$$

$$u = \frac{\sin x}{\sin y}$$

Taking the last two ratios, we get

$$\frac{dy}{\tan y} = \frac{dz}{\tan z}$$

$$\cot y dy = \cot z dz$$

Integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\sin y) &= \log(\sin z) + \log c_2 \\ &= \log(\sin z c_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin y = \sin z c_2$$

$$\frac{\sin y}{\sin z} = c_2$$

$$v = \frac{\sin y}{\sin z}$$

The general solution of the given equation is  $f(u, v) = 0$

$$\text{i.e., } f\left(\frac{\sin x}{\sin y}, \frac{\sin y}{\sin z}\right) = 0$$