

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-8(ii)): ELEMENTS OF PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Elements of Partial Differential Equations	4	3	1	0	Class XII pass with Mathematics	Differential Equations

Learning Objectives: The main objective of this course is to introduce:

- Basic concepts of first and second-order linear/nonlinear partial differential equations.
- Methods to solve first-order nonlinear PDEs and determine integral surfaces.
- Linear PDEs with constant coefficients, and finding their solutions using complimentary functions and particular integral.
- Modeling of wave equation, diffusion equation, traffic flow and their solutions.

Learning Outcomes: The course will enable the students to learn:

- Charpit's and Jacobi's methods to solve first-order nonlinear partial differential equations in two and three independent variables, respectively.
- Monge's method for integrating PDE of type $Rr + Ss + Tt = V$.
- The Cauchy problem and solutions of one-dimensional wave equations with initial boundary-value problems, and vibration of finite string with fixed ends.
- The macroscopic modeling of the traffic flow, where the focus will be on modeling the density of cars and their flow, rather than modeling individual cars and their velocity.

SYLLABUS OF GE-8(ii)

UNIT–I: First-order Partial Differential Equations (18 hours)

Review of basic concepts: Origins of first-order PDEs, Lagrange's method for solving linear equations of first order; Integral surfaces passing through a given curve, and surfaces orthogonal to a given system of surfaces; Nonlinear PDEs of the first order, and compatible systems of first-order PDEs; Charpit's method for solving nonlinear PDEs, special types of first-order PDEs, and solutions satisfying given conditions; Jacobi's method for solving nonlinear PDE with three independent variables.

UNIT – II: Second-order Partial Differential Equations (15 hours)

Origins of second-order PDEs, and solving linear PDEs with constant coefficients using methods of finding the complementary function and particular integral; Monge's method of integrating nonlinear second-order PDE of type $Rr + Ss + Tt = V$ with variable coefficients.

UNIT – III: Applications of Partial Differential Equations

(12 hours)

Solution of one-dimensional diffusion equation and wave equation by method of separation of variables, d'Alembert's solution of the Cauchy problem for the one-dimensional wave equation; Solutions of homogeneous one-dimensional wave equations with initial boundary-value problems, and vibration of finite string with fixed ends; Traffic flow model.

Essential Readings

- 1 Myint-U, Tyn & Debnath, Lokenath. (2007). Linear Partial Differential Equations for Scientists and Engineers (4th ed.). Birkhäuser. Indian Reprint.
- 2 Piaggio, H.T.H. (2004). Differential Equations. CBS Publishers & Distributors, Delhi.
- 3 Sneddon, Ian N. (2006). Elements of Partial Differential Equations, Dover Publications. Indian Reprint.

Suggestive Readings

- Amaranath T. (2023). An Elementary Course in Partial Differential Equations (3rd ed.). Narosa Publishing House.
- Arrigo, Daniel (2023). An Introduction to Partial Differential Equations (2nd ed.). Springer.
- Kapoor, N. M. (2023). A Text Book of Differential Equations. Pitambar Publishing Company.

