

Lecture 15: M50 203B (PDE)

Well posedness of the Poisson Equation

$$\Delta u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

Given  $f, g$  continuous, and  $\Omega = (0, a) \times (0, b)$  then

Maximum Principle for the Harmonic Function :- ( $\Omega = \text{Open, bdd}$ ).

Lemma :- Let  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  be such that  $\Delta u > 0$  in  $\Omega$ . Then the  $\max$   $u$  does not attain an maximum in  $\Omega$ .

Define  $v(x) = u(x, y)$  and let  $(x_0, y_0) \in \Omega$  be s.t.  $u(x_0, y_0) = \max_{\Omega} (u(x, y))$ .

$$v_x''(x_0) = (v')'(x_0) = 0.$$

$$\underline{\underline{v_{xx}''(x_0) = u_{xx}''(x_0, y_0) \leq 0.}}$$

$$\implies u_{yy}''(x_0, y_0) \leq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta u(x_0, y_0) \leq 0.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Lu = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

- ① Existence :  $\exists$  atleast one soln,
- ② Uniqueness : The obtained soln is unique.
- ③ Stability : For small change in initial data the change in soln is small.

$$\max_{\Omega} |u_1 - u_2| \leq C \max_{\partial\Omega} |g_1 - g_2|$$

where  $u_i$  are the soln of (1) corresponding to  $g_i$ .

11<sup>th</sup>,  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfying  $\Delta u < 0$  does not attain a minima in the interior of  $\Omega$ .

Th<sup>o</sup>: Let  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfy  $\Delta u = 0$  then:  $\max_{\bar{\Omega}} u = \max_{\partial\Omega} u$  &  $\min_{\bar{\Omega}} u = \min_{\partial\Omega} u$ .

Proof: Define,  $u^\varepsilon(x, y) = u(x, y) + \varepsilon(\tilde{x} + y^2)$ .  $\exists (x, y) \in \Omega$   $\exists \varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u^\varepsilon &= \Delta u + \varepsilon \Delta(\tilde{x} + y^2) \\ &= 0 + 4\varepsilon \\ &= 4\varepsilon > 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \exists R > 0 \text{ s.t. } \tilde{x} + y^2 \leq R^2 \cdot (\text{oddness}). \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u_\varepsilon = \max_{\partial\Omega} u_\varepsilon$$

$$\max_{\bar{\Omega}} u \leq \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u_\varepsilon = \max_{\partial\Omega} u_\varepsilon = \max_{\partial\Omega} [u + \varepsilon(\tilde{x} + y^2)] \leq \max_{\partial\Omega} [u + \varepsilon R^2] = \max_{\partial\Omega} u + \varepsilon R^2.$$

$$\max_{\partial\Omega} u \leq \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{\partial\Omega} u \leq \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u \leq \max_{\partial\Omega} u + \varepsilon R^2 \Rightarrow \max_{\partial\Omega} u = \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u.$$

Uniqueness :-

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta u = f \text{ in } \Omega \\ u = g \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right\} \text{---(2)}$$

Let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are soln of (2)

$\tilde{u} := u_1 - u_2$ . then  $\tilde{u} \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$ .

RTP:-  $\tilde{u} \equiv 0$  in  $\Omega$ .

$$\Delta \tilde{u} = \Delta u_1 - \Delta u_2 = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\tilde{u} = g - g = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta \tilde{u} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \\ \tilde{u} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

From max Principle  $\Rightarrow \tilde{u} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow u_1 = u_2$  in  $\Omega$ .

Stability :- ( $\Omega$  is open, bdd).

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta u = f \text{ in } \Omega \\ u = g_1 \text{ on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta u = f \text{ in } \Omega \\ u = g_2 \text{ on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{RTP: } \max_{\Omega} |u_1 - u_2| \leq C \max_{\partial\Omega} |g_1 - g_2|.$$

$$\text{Assume } M = \max_{\partial\Omega} |g_1 - g_2|.$$

$$\text{Define } v = u_1 - u_2.$$

$$\Delta v = 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

$$v = g_1 - g_2 \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$

$$\text{From max principle, } \sup_{\Omega} v \leq \sup_{\partial\Omega} v = \sup_{\partial\Omega} (g_1 - g_2) \leq M$$

$$\inf_{\Omega} (v) \geq \inf_{\partial\Omega} v = \inf_{\partial\Omega} (g_1 - g_2) \Rightarrow \sup_{\Omega} (-v) \leq -\inf_{\partial\Omega} (g_1 - g_2) = +\sup_{\partial\Omega} (g_2 - g_1) \leq M$$

$$\sup |v|$$

$$|v| = \begin{cases} v, & v \geq 0 \\ -v, & v < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \sup(-v) = \underline{\underline{-\inf v}} \end{array} \right.$$