

This is homework number 7 and it is **due on July 12**. You *must* use this template for your homework. You can either print it out and write on it and upload that, or you can use a tablet if you have one. Alternatively, I am providing you with a link to the  $\LaTeX$  template. If you type your homework then (1) you'll become accustomed to using  $\LaTeX$  which is probably good and (2) you'll get a bonus of 2 points (each HW assignment is 10 points, so this means that your maximum is 12 if you type). Whichever you choose, you will turn it in on Gradescope.

Also, no matter which method you choose, your work must be neat, legible, and must flow clearly. This, of course, includes the requirement that you show your work appropriately. See examples in class of what I am looking for. In particular, there should be nothing that is scratched out (either use Whiteout or something similar or just re-write the whole thing). The work should more or less progress from left to right, top to bottom. In short, imagine that this is a history class or something and you're turning in your *final draft*. Part of what you are being graded on is your ability to communicate well which, at a minimum, means the reader can actually read what you have written.

Three of the problems will be graded for accuracy, the others will be graded for "completion". Here, "completion" means: is it clear the student made an honest attempt at the problem and wrote the solution/attempt up in a neat way?

1. Show that Laplace's equation is rotational invariant (look at your notes to remind yourself of what that means).

**Solution:** Testing by rotating a function by 90 degrees

$$\nabla^2 u(x, y) = \nabla^2 u(y, x)$$

$$(\partial_{xx}, \partial_{yy})u = (\partial_{yy}, \partial_{xx})u$$

$$\partial_{xx}u + \partial_{yy}u = \partial_{yy}u + \partial_{xx}u$$

It does not matter if you rotate the function so that it is rotational invariant.

2. Prove the Mean Value Property for radius  $R \neq 1$  by *replicating the argument I made in the notes*.

**Solution:**

$$u(a, b) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \iint_B u(x, y) da$$

$$u(a, b) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^r u(a + r \cos \theta, b + r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta$$

$$f(r) = \int_0^{2\pi} u(a + r \cos \theta, b + r \sin \theta) d\theta$$

$$\partial_r f = \int_0^{2\pi} \partial_r u(a + r \cos \theta, b + r \sin \theta) d\theta$$

$$\partial_r f = \int_0^{2\pi} \partial_x u \cos \theta + \partial_y u \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\partial_r f = \int_0^{2\pi} \nabla u(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) d\theta|_{\nabla u=0}$$

$$\partial_r f = 0$$

$$f = ct.$$

$$f(r) = f(0) = \int_0^{2\pi} u(a, b) d\theta = 2\pi u(a, b)$$

$$u(a, b) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \int_0^r r dr (2\pi u(a, b))$$

$$u(a, b) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \left( \frac{r^2}{2} \right) (2\pi u(a, b))$$

$$u(a, b) = u(a, b)$$

$$\therefore r \in \mathbb{R}$$

3. Find the fundamental solution for the Laplacian in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:**

$$u(x, y, z) = f(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = f(\zeta)|_{\zeta=x^2+y^2+z^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

$$\partial_{xx}u + \partial_{yy}u + \partial_{zz}u = 4x^2 f''(\zeta) + 2f'(\zeta) + 4y^2 f''(\zeta) + 2f'(\zeta) + 4z^2 f''(\zeta) + 2f'(\zeta)$$

$$0 = 4\zeta f'' + 2f'$$

$$\frac{f''}{f'} = \frac{-3}{2} \frac{1}{\zeta}$$

$$\ln f' = \frac{-3}{2} \ln \zeta + C_1$$

$$f = \frac{-2C_1}{3\sqrt{\zeta}} + C_2$$

4. Assume that  $u$  satisfies the mean value property. That is, for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$u(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_{r=0}^R \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} u(x + r \cos \theta, y + r \sin \theta) r d\theta dr.$$

Show that  $u$  is harmonic. (Hint: Assume that  $\Delta u \neq 0$  at some point; then we may assume (why?) that  $\Delta u > 0$  near that point; then  $F(r)$  from the above is no longer zero and this will contradict the mean-value property).

**Solution:**

$$\partial_r f(r) = \int_0^{2\pi} \partial_r u(a + r \cos \theta, b + r \sin \theta) d\theta$$

$$\partial_r f(r) = \int_0^{2\pi} \nabla u(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) d\theta$$

Looking if  $u = \sin(\theta)$ :

$$\nabla u = \partial_\theta(\sin \theta) = \cos \theta \neq 0 \mid \theta \neq \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

If  $u$  is harmonic then  $\partial_r f(r) = \text{ct.} \equiv A$

$$f(r) = Ar + B$$

$$u(a, b) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \int_0^r r dr (Ar + B)$$

$$u(a, b) = \frac{1}{2\pi} (Ar + B)$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$u(a, b) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( A \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + B \right)$$