

**Problem 7:**

Let  $u \in C^0(\Omega)$ .

Let  $u$  be subharmonic in  $\Omega$ . Then  $u$  satisfies the mean value properties for any ball compactly contained in  $\Omega$ ; it is clear that this implies that  $u$  satisfies the mean value properties locally.

Now, let  $u$  satisfy the mean value properties locally. Fix  $y \in \Omega$ . Without loss of generality, we can set  $u(y) = 0$ . Then there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $u(y) \leq \frac{1}{n\omega_n R^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_R(y)} u ds$  for all  $R \leq \delta$ .

So, on  $B_R(y)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} u(y) &\leq \frac{1}{n\omega_n R^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_R(y)} u ds \\ 0 &\leq \frac{1}{n\omega_n R^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_R(y)} u ds \\ 0 &\leq \int_{\partial B_R(y)} u ds \end{aligned}$$

As the above holds for all  $R < \delta$ , we get that  $\int_{B_R(y)} u dx \geq 0$  for all  $R < \delta$ .

Moreover, we get that  $\int_{B_R(y)} u dx \geq 0$  is increasing as a function of  $R$ .

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dR} \int_{B_R(y)} u dx &\geq 0 \\ \int_{\partial B_R(y)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} dx &\geq 0 \\ \int_{B_R(y)} \Delta u dx &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So because the above holds for all  $R < \delta$ , we have that  $\Delta u(y) \geq 0$ . That is,  $u$  is subharmonic at  $y$ .

**Problem 9:**

Let  $u \in C^2(\Omega)$ .

First,  $\Delta u \geq 0$  in  $\Omega$ , if and only if  $u$  is subharmonic in  $\Omega$ , by definition.

Next: let  $u$  be subharmonic in  $\Omega$ . Then  $\Delta u \geq 0$  in  $\Omega$ . Let  $\phi \geq 0$  be a function in  $C_c^2(\Omega)$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u \Delta \phi dx &= \int_{\Omega} \phi \Delta u dx + \int_{\partial \Omega} u \partial_{\nu} \phi - \phi \partial_{\nu} u dS \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \phi \Delta u dx \quad (\text{Note: } \phi \text{ vanishes on } \partial \Omega, \text{ as } \phi \text{ has compact support.}) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $u$  is weakly subharmonic if  $u$  is subharmonic.

Now, let  $u$  be weakly subharmonic. Then for any  $\phi \geq 0$  with  $\phi \in C_c^2(\Omega)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u \Delta \phi dx &= \int_{\Omega} \phi \Delta u dx + \int_{\partial \Omega} u \partial_{\nu} \phi - \phi \partial_{\nu} u dS \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \phi \Delta u dx \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta u \geq 0$  (Else, there's a point  $y$  with  $\Delta u(y) < 0$ , so there's a neighborhood around  $y$  with  $\Delta u(y) < 0$ , so picking  $\phi > 0$  on that neighborhood and  $\phi = 0$  outside that neighborhood will yield a contradiction.). So,  $u$  is subharmonic.

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Thus, the three conditions given are equivalent.