Notes of Math 719: Partial Differential Equation

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1 Laplace's equation

[Date: Sep 4, 2024] Elliptic PDEs:

Example 1.1. Laplacian:

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n^2}$$
$$= div\nabla$$

Example 1.2. n = 3: Newtonian gravity

magnitutde =
$$\frac{\kappa m m_1}{\|a - a_1\|}$$
 (inverse square)

$$m\ddot{a} = \frac{\kappa m m_1}{\|a - a_1\|} \frac{a_1 - a}{\|a_1 - a\|}$$

$$= -m \nabla u(a)$$
where $u(x) = \frac{-k m_1}{\|x - a_1\|}$

N masses $m_1,\dots,m_N\geqslant 0$, location $a_1,\dots,a_N\in\mathbb{R}^3$

$$u(x) = -\kappa \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{m_k}{\|x - a_k\|}$$

Example 1.3. continuous distribution of mass

$$\varrho(x) \geqslant 0$$

$$u(x) = -\kappa \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\varrho(y)}{\|x - y\|} \, dy$$

suppose supp $\varrho \subseteq \omega$ bdd open set

Remark. $supp \varrho := \overline{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : S(x) \neq 0\}}$ Laplace

$$\Delta u(x) = 0 \ for x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \bar{\omega}$$

$$\Delta_x u(x) = -\kappa \int_{\omega} \varrho(y) \Delta_x \frac{1}{\|x - y\|} \, dy$$

$$\Delta \frac{1}{\|x\|} = div \nabla \frac{1}{\|x\|}$$

$$= div(-\frac{x}{\|x\|^3})$$

$$= \left(-\frac{3}{\|x\|^3} + 3x \frac{x^2}{\|x\|^5}\right)$$

Example 1.4.

$$\varrho = \text{const on } B_{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$= \frac{m}{4\pi\mathbb{R}^3}$$
 and
$$u = -\kappa m \int_{B_{\mathbb{R}}} \frac{1}{\|x - y\|} \, dy$$

Claim 1.1.

$$u(x) = u(Ox) \text{ where } O \in SO(3)$$

$$u(Ox) = -\kappa m \int_{B_{\mathbb{R}}} \frac{1}{\|Ox - Oz\|} dz$$

$$= -\kappa m \int_{B_{\mathbb{R}}} \frac{1}{\|x - z\|} dz$$

$$u(x) = u(r)$$

$$u: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}$$

$$u(x) = f(r)$$

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Last time: Interior estimate

Suppose R > 0 and $u \in C^2(B_{2R})$ is harmonic, then

$$\|\nabla^k u(x)\| \leqslant C_k \frac{1}{R^{k+3}} \int_{B_{2R} \setminus B_R} \|u\| \, dy \quad \forall x \in B_R$$
 (1)

Question: Why estimate of this form?

Symmetries of $\Delta u = 0$.

1. homeoneity/scaler mult

$$u \mapsto \mu \quad (m \in \mathbb{R})$$

2. scaling symmetry

$$u_{\lambda(x)} := u(\lambda x)$$

$$u \mapsto u_{\lambda} (u(\lambda \cdot))$$

Here
$$\Delta u_{\lambda} = \Delta [u(\lambda x)] = \lambda^2 \Delta u(\lambda u) = 0$$

3. translation:

$$u \mapsto u(\cdot - x_0) \quad (x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3)$$

4. rotation and reflection

$$u \mapsto u(\mathcal{O}^{-1}) \quad (\mathcal{O} \in O(n))$$

1. k = 0, R = 1, What if

$$||mu||(x) \le C \int_{B_2 \setminus B_1} ||mu||^2 dy$$
 in B_1

$$\implies ||u(x)|| \leqslant Cm \int_{B_2 \setminus B_1} ||u||^2 \, dy$$
$$\implies u = 0$$

Then this is nonsense. We need the power in the integral to be 1, i.e.,

$$||mu||(x) \leqslant C \int_{B_2 \setminus B_1} ||mu|| dy$$
 in B_1

To prove (1), it suffices to prove it for

$$\int_{B_{2R}\backslash B_R}\|u\|=1$$

Suppose (1) holds for all harmonic function u s.t.

$$\int_{B_{2R}\backslash B_R} \|u\| = 1$$

Given arbitrary harmonic function v, we define

$$u := \frac{v}{\int_{B_{2R} \backslash B_R} \|v\| \, dy}$$

Then u is still harmonic

$$\Longrightarrow \frac{\|v\|}{\int_{B_{2R}\backslash B_R} \|v\| \, dy} = \|u\| \leqslant C \frac{1}{R^3}$$

To prove (1), it suffices to prove it for R=1

Given harmonic function v on B_{2R}

$$u(x) := v(Rx)$$

Here u(x) is a harmonic function on B_2 .

Then

$$\|\nabla^k u(x)\| \leqslant C \int_{B_2 \setminus B_1} u(y) \, dy$$
$$= \int_{B_2 \setminus B_1} \|v(Ry)\| \, dy$$

(Change of Variable: z = Ry)

$$= \frac{C}{R^3} \int_{B_{2R} \backslash B_R} \int \|v(z)\| \, dz$$

where $\|\nabla^k(v(Rx))\| := R^k \|(\nabla^k v)(Rx)\| = R^k \|(\nabla^k v)(q)\|$ where $q = Rx \in B_R$

To prove (1), it's enough to do it for R=1 and $\int_{B_2\backslash B_1}\|u\|\,dy=1$

1.1

Given

$$\phi u = 2\Delta * (\Delta \phi u) + G * (\Delta \phi u)$$
 (2)

where $u \in C^2$ and $\Delta u = 0$ and $\phi \in C_0^{\infty}$

One option $u \in L^1_{loc}$ $(u \in L^1(K))$ where K is compact, it's called locally integrable, is harmonic if (2) holds $\forall \phi \in C_0^{\infty}$

Another option $u \in L^1_{loc}$ is harmonic if

$$\nabla(u * \phi_{\epsilon}) = 0 \qquad \text{for all } \epsilon$$

Example 1.5.

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{|x|} \text{ is } L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^3) \\ &(1+|x|)^{-3-\epsilon} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.1. $\Omega \subseteq R^3$ open, $u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ is weakly harmonic if

$$\int u \nabla \phi \, dy = 0 \quad \forall \phi \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$$

Remark.

$$\begin{split} &\int \Delta u \cdot \phi = \int (div \nabla u) \phi \\ &= -\int \nabla u \nabla \phi = \int u \nabla \phi \end{split}$$

This is integration by parts.

If you need a generalization, you need to make it easy to check and easy to work with.

Lemma 1.2 (Weyl's lemma).

If u is weakly harmonic in Ω , then u is smooth and $\Delta u = 0$ in Ω

To prove this, we need the following claim:

Claim 1.3. 1. If u is C^2 and $\Delta u = 0$, then u is weakly harmonic

2. If u is C^2 and weakly harmonic, them $\Delta u = 0$

Proof of Claim 1.3. Suppose not.

$$\int u\Delta\phi = 0 \quad \forall \phi$$

But $\exists x_0 \text{ s.t. } \Delta u(x_0) \neq 0$

$$\int \Delta u \phi = 0 \quad \phi$$

Choose ϕ s.t.

$$\int \Delta u \phi \neq 0$$

Countradiction.

proof of Wely's lemma.

(3) $u \in L^1_{loc}$ is weakly harmonic, then $\phi_{\epsilon} * u$ is also weakly harmonic.

 $\Longrightarrow \phi_{\epsilon} * u$ is strongly harmonic

We need to check

$$\int (u * \phi_{\epsilon}) \Delta \psi \, dy = 0 \quad \forall \psi$$

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Remark. $\Delta(f * \phi_{\epsilon}) = \Delta f * \phi_{\epsilon} \Longrightarrow$ Mollify harmonic function , get a harmonic function.

Enough to work with balls. Enough to work in B_3 and prove smoothness in B_1 . Because of translation and scalling symmetry.

 $u \in L^1(B_3)$ weakly harmonic. We define

$$u_{\epsilon}(x) = u * \phi_{\epsilon}(x)$$
 for $x \in B_2$ and $0 < \epsilon \le \frac{1}{2}$

Want to check u_{ϵ} is weakly harmonic in B_2 .

$$\forall \psi \in C_0^{\infty}(B_2): \int_{B_2} u_{\epsilon}(x) \Delta \psi(x) \, dx = \int_{B_2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{\epsilon}(x - y) u(y) \Delta \psi(x) \, dy \, dx$$
$$= \int u(y) (\phi_{\epsilon}(-\cdot) * \Delta \psi)(y) \, dy$$
$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u(y) \Delta (\phi_{\epsilon}(-\cdot) \psi)(y) \, dy$$

= 0 (by definition of weakly harmonic)

Use interior estimates on u_{ϵ}

$$|\nabla^k u_{\epsilon}| \leqslant C_k \int_{B_2 \setminus B_1} \int |u_{\epsilon}| \, dy \leqslant C_k \int_{B_3} |u| \, dy$$

Use Arzela-Ascoli: For all k, $\nabla^k u_{\epsilon} \longrightarrow \nabla^k u$ uniformly in B_1 Weak version of $\Delta u = f$?

Definition 1.2. $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ open, $u, f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$. Then we say that

 $\Delta u = f$ weakly harmonic in Ω

if

$$\int u\Delta\psi = \int f\psi \quad \forall \psi \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$$

Previously: $f \in \mathbb{C}^2$ and compactly supported

$$\Delta(G * f) = f$$

General f holds?

Example 1.6. G * f makes sense for $f \in L^1$

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|} \, dy$$

Notice that $\frac{1}{|x|}$ is not integrable.

Now let $-\frac{1}{4\pi|x|} = G$. And $G_1 = G\mathbf{1}_{B_1} \in L^1 \cap L^{3-}$, $G_2 = G\mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus B_1} \in L^{\infty} \cap L^{3+}$, where L^3 means that $L^{3-\epsilon} \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$.

$$\int_{B_1} \frac{1}{|x|^3} = c \int_{r=0}^1 r^{-3} r^2 dx = \infty$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus B_1} = c \int_{r=1}^\infty r^{-3} r^2 dx = \infty$$

And
$$G * f = \underbrace{G_1 * f}_{\in L^1 \cap L^{3-}} + \underbrace{G_2 * f}_{\in L^{3+} \cap L^{\infty}} \in L^1_{loc}$$

Exercise 1.1. $f \in L^1 + L^p$ if $p < \frac{n}{2}$

Claim 1.4. $\Delta(G * f) = f$ is weakly harmonic in \mathbb{R}^3

Proof. To check:

$$\int (G * f) \Delta \varphi = \int f \varphi \forall \varphi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^3)$$
$$\int (G * f) \Delta \varphi = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int (K_{\epsilon} * f) \Delta \varphi = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \int (\Delta K_{\epsilon}) * f \varphi$$
$$= \int f \varphi$$

Proposition 1.5. Suppose $u_1, u_2, f \in L^1_{loc}$ and $\Delta u_1 = \Delta u_2 = f$ weakly harmonic in \mathbb{R}^3 Then

- 1. $u_1 u_2$ is smooth and harmonic
- 2. If u_1, u_2 are bounded, $u_1 u_2$ is constant.
- 3. If $|u_1|, |u_2| \longrightarrow 0$ as $|x| \longrightarrow \infty$, (say $u_1, u_2 \in L^1 + L^p, p < \infty$) then $u_1 \equiv u_2$.

Exercise 1.2. show $u_1 - u_2$ is bounded

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Mean value formula/property

Proposition 1.6. Suppose u is harmonic on $B_{\mathbb{R}}(x_0)$. Then

1.
$$u(x_0) = \oint_{\partial B_r(x_0)} u(y) dS$$
 $\forall r \in (0, R) \ u(x_0) = \text{avg of } u \text{ over } \partial B_r(x_0)$

2.
$$u(x_0) = \int_{B_r(x_0)} = u(y) \, dy \quad \forall r \in (0, R) \ u(x_0) = \text{avg of } u \text{ over } B_r(x_0)$$

Proof. 1. proof of (1).

$$\oint_{\partial B_r(x_0)} u(y) dS = q(r) \longrightarrow u(x_0) \text{ as } r \to 0^+$$

To show: $\frac{dq}{dr} = 0$ $(q \equiv \text{const})$

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\partial B_1| r^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_r} u(y) dS$$

$$(r = rz \in \partial B_1) = \frac{1}{|\partial B_1|} \int_{\partial B_1} u(rz) d\tilde{S}$$

We know $dS = r^{n-1}d\tilde{S}$.

$$\frac{dq}{dr} = \frac{1}{|\partial B_1|} \int_{\partial B_1} (\nabla u)(rz) \cdot z \, d\tilde{S}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{|\partial B_1|} \int_{B_1} div[(\nabla u)(rz)] \, dz = 0$$

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$$\Longrightarrow \Delta u(rz)r = 0$$

The second proof:

$$\varphi = G * (\Delta \varphi u + 2\nabla \varphi \nabla u) := G * f \text{ where } f := \Delta \varphi u + 2\nabla \varphi \nabla u$$

Choose $\varphi \equiv 1$ on $B_{r+\epsilon}$.

$$u(0) = (G * f)(0)$$

$$= \int G(0 - y)f(y) dy$$

$$\int_{B_r} u(x) dx = \int_{B_r} \int_{y} G(x - y) f(y) dy dx$$

$$= \int_{y} \int_{B_r} G(x - y) dx f(y) dy$$

Here we know G(0-y) gravitational point of point mass at 0 measured at -y. $\oint_{B_r} G(x-y) dx$ gravitational point of body with mass distributed over B_r measured at -y.

1.2 Maximum principle

Lemma 1.7. Suppose u is harmonic in $B_R(x_0)$ and suppose $u(x_0) = \sup_{B_R(x_0)} u(x)$, then

$$u \equiv \text{const}$$

Example 1.7. n = 2.

1. $1, x_1, x_2$

2.
$$x_1^2 - x_2^2$$
. Suppose $u(0) = 0$, $\nabla u(0) = 0$

$$\nabla^2 = \begin{bmatrix} ,2 \\ 1,2 \end{bmatrix} = []$$

row av
B $u=\frac{\lambda_1}{2}y_1^2+\frac{\lambda_2}{2}y_2^2$ and ${\rm tr}\nabla^2 u=\Delta u=\lambda_1+\lambda_2$

Proof.

$$u(x_0)\geqslant u(x)\quad \forall x\in b_R(x_0)$$

$$u(x_0)\geqslant \int_{B_R(x_0)}u(x)\,dx=u(x_0)\quad \text{mean val property}$$

Remark. $\sup_{\Omega} u = \sup_{\partial \Omega} u$

Corollary 1.8 (strong maximum principle). $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$ bounded domain Suppose u harmonic in Ω and $u(x_0) = \sup_{\Omega} u$ for some $x_0 \in \Omega$

Then

$$u \equiv \text{const}$$

Remark. $S = \{x \in \Omega : u(x) = u(x_0)\}$

If S is non-empty, open and closed (in Ω). "Relatively closed". Since Ω is connected:

$$S = \Omega$$

Remark. When you have a maximum principle, and then you have a Minimum principle. And you have a Comparison principle

$$u_1, u_2 \text{ on } \Omega$$

$$u_1 \geqslant u_2 \text{ on } \partial \Omega$$

Then we have

$$u_1 > u_2$$
 on Ω (or $u_1 = u_2$)

And we prove this by $u_1 - u_2$ also harmonic function. $u_1 - u_2 \ge 0$ on $\partial \Omega$. Then we apply min principle.

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Minimum Principle:

Given $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ bounded domain. Suppose u is harmonic in Ω and $u(x_0) = \inf_{\Omega} u$ for some $x_0 \in \Omega$. Then $u \equiv \text{const.}$

Proposition 1.9 (Harneck's principle/inequality). Suppose u is harmonic and u > 0 in Ω . Let $K \subseteq \Omega$ compact set. Then $\exists C = C(\Omega, K) > 0$ s.t.

$$\sup_K u \leqslant C \inf_K u$$

Remark. This implies minimum principle: let $v = u - \inf_K u + \epsilon$

We have $\inf_K v = \epsilon \Longrightarrow \sup_K v \leqslant C \inf_K v = C\epsilon$

Proof. (In Evans, he proved with mean value formula. $u(x) = \oint_{B_R(x)} u \, dy$. Relate the value between two balls.)

We used to use scaling argument to prove things. Now we use compactness argument.

Harneck: $\forall \Omega, \forall K \subseteq \Omega \text{ compact}, \exists C \text{ s.t.}$

 $\forall u > 0 \text{ on } \Omega \text{ harmonic,}$

$$\sup_K u \leqslant C \inf_K u$$

Negsta: $\exists \Omega, \exists K \subseteq \Omega \text{ compact s.t. } \forall C > 0$:

 $\exists u_C > 0 \text{ harmonic on } \Omega \text{ s.t.}$

$$\sup_K u > C \inf_K u$$

Suppose $C = N \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\sup_{K} u > C \inf_{K} u$$

Define $v_N := \frac{u_N}{\sup_K u_N}$. We have

$$1 = \sup_{K} v_N > N \inf_{K} v_N \Longrightarrow \inf_{K} v_N < \frac{1}{N}$$

Let $a \in K$. Find $B_{r_a} \in \Omega$

$$1 \geqslant v_N(a) = \int_{B_r(a)} v_N(y) \, dy$$

$$\underbrace{\left|\nabla v_N^k(x)\right|}_{x\in B_{\frac{r_a}{2}}(a)}\leqslant C(k)r_a^{-k}\int_{B_r(a)}v_N(y)\,dy$$

Interior estimates theorem: $\Omega_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^M B_{r_{a_1}}(a_i)$ finitely many balls. Here Ω_1 covers K.

$$|\nabla^k v_N| \leqslant C(k) \quad x \in \Omega_1$$

And we have $C(k) = C \max_{i=1,\dots,M} r_{a_1}^{-k}$.

By Arzela-Ascoli \Longrightarrow ∃subsequence (not relabeling) $v_N \to v_\infty$ uniformly in Ω , v_∞ is harmonic in Ω

$$\sup_{K} v_{\infty} = 1, \inf_{K} v_{\infty} = 0, v_{\infty} \geqslant 0$$

Countradiction! (Since this implies that v is constant.)

Remark. It's called compactness-contradiction argument cf. Terry Tao.

1.3 Boundary value problems (BVPs)

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = g & \text{Dirichlet BCs} \end{cases}$$
 (3)

Example 1.8. electrostatics: density of temperature or concentration of chemical... We have diffusion.

Given c(x, t). (Fick's law)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{O} c(x,t) dx = \kappa \int_{\partial O} \nabla c \cdot \vec{n} dS$$
$$= \kappa \int_{O} div \nabla c dx = \kappa \int_{O} \Delta c dx \quad \forall O$$

This is Heat equation

$$\partial_t c = \kappa \Delta c \quad in\Omega$$

If there is no flux:

$$\nabla c \cdot \vec{n}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$
 Neumann BCs
$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial n} = 0$$

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Def: $\mathbb{R}^n_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_n > 0\}$ Dirichlet problem and Neumann problem.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f, & \text{in}\Omega \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = g \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

Now consider

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3_+ \\ u|_{\partial \mathbb{R}^3_+} = g \end{cases}$$
 (5)

 $R\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, -x_3)$ and $\Delta[u(R\vec{x})] = (\Delta u)(R\vec{x})$

By Odd-in- x_3 , we mean

$$u(\vec{x}) = -u(R\vec{x})$$
$$u(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -u(x_1, x_2, -x_3)$$

(If constant, then $u|_{\partial \mathbb{R}^3_+} = 0$)

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} f(\vec{x}), & x_3 > 0 \\ -f(R\vec{x}), & x_3 < 0 \end{cases}$$
(6)

$$\tilde{u}(u)(x)$$
 sol of $\Delta \tilde{u} = \tilde{u} = \tilde{f}$ on \mathbb{R}^3 (7)

$$\tilde{(}u)(x) = (G * \tilde{f})(x) \tag{8}$$

where \tilde{u} is odd.

$$\begin{split} \Delta \tilde{u} &= \tilde{f} \\ \underbrace{\left(\Delta \tilde{u}(R\vec{x})\right)}_{=\Delta \left[\tilde{u}(R\vec{x})\right]} &= \tilde{f}(R\vec{x}) \\ &= -\tilde{f}(x) \\ \Longrightarrow \Delta \left[-\tilde{u}(R\vec{x})\right] &= \tilde{f}(x) \end{split}$$

sol unique means:

$$\implies \tilde{(u)}(\vec{x}) = -\tilde{u}(R\vec{x})$$

 $\implies \tilde{u} \text{ is odd}$

Now

$$\begin{split} \tilde{u}(x) &= G * \tilde{f} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\tilde{f}(y)}{|x-y|} \, dy \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{|x-y|} \Big[\mathbf{1}_{\{y_3 > 0\}} f + \mathbf{1}_{\{y_3 < 0\}} (-f) (R\vec{y}) \Big] \, dy \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_+} \frac{1}{|x-y|} f(y) - \frac{1}{|x-R\vec{y}|} f(y) \, dy \\ &\stackrel{y*=Ry}{=} -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_+} \Big[\frac{1}{|x-y|} - \frac{1}{|x-y*|} \Big] f(y) \, dy \end{split}$$

Then we get:

$$G_{\mathbb{R}^3_+}(x,y) = -\frac{1}{4\pi}(\frac{1}{|x-y|} - \frac{1}{|x-y|}) \quad \text{ Green's function for half space}$$

Thus the Boundary value problem is:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3_+ \\ u|_{\partial \mathbb{R}^3_+} = g \end{cases}$$

$$\Longrightarrow u(x) = \int_{R^3_+} G_{\mathbb{R}^3_+}(x - y) f(y) \, dy$$

$$= \int_{\{x_3 > 0\}} \int_{R^2} \text{"Horizontal Convolution"}$$
(9)

Remark. This is not a convolution.

1.3.1 General props of Green's function

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\iff u(x) = \int_{\Omega} G_{\Omega}(x, y) f(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \delta_{x}(y) f(y) dy$$

$$= f(x)$$

$$(10)$$

0 Boundary

$$G(\cdot,y)|_{\partial\Omega}=0$$

$$G(x,y)=0 \quad \text{ when } x\in\partial\Omega$$

Physically Green's function: Heat but the boundary keeps temperature 0.

Fix $y \in \Omega$. Look for sol to

$$\Delta_x G_{\Omega}(x,y) = \delta(y-x)$$

$$G_{\Omega}(\cdot,y)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$G_{\Omega}(x,y) = K_0(x,y) + H^{(y)}(x) \quad \text{where } K_0 = -\frac{1}{4\pi|x|} \text{ and } K_0(x,y) = -\frac{1}{4\pi|x-y|} \text{ where space Green's func}$$
(11)

where $H^{(y)}$ should be harmonic in x.

$$\Delta_x(K_0(x,y) + H^{(y)}(x)) = \delta(y-x) + 0$$

And

$$K_0(x,y) + H^{(y)}(x) = 0$$
 when $x \in \partial \Omega$

Then

$$\begin{cases}
\Delta_x H^{(y)}(x) = 0, \\
H^{(y)}(x)|_{\partial\Omega} = K_0(x, y),
\end{cases}$$
(12)

Philosophy:

- 1. To solve the problem in Ω , find G_{Ω} .
- 1* Solve problem using a different method
- 2. To find G_{Ω} , need to solve problem for $H^{(y)}$.
- 3. Read infrastion off of G_{Ω} , like on HW4

$$G_{\Omega}(x,y) = G_{\Omega}(y,x)$$

Green's function is symmetric

$$\begin{cases} u, v \in C^2(\bar{\Omega}), \\ u, v|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \end{cases}$$
 (13)

$$\int_{\Omega} \Delta u v = \int_{\Omega} u \delta v$$
$$\langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, Ay \rangle \quad \forall \, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$\iff A \text{ symmetric}$$

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$$\Delta u = f$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$\iff \int_{\Omega} G(x,y)f(y) \, dy \quad \text{where you put the pole in } y$$

$$\Delta_x G(x,y) = \delta(x-y)$$

$$G(x,y) = 0 \quad x \in \partial\Omega$$

Question:

$$\Delta u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = g \tag{15}$$

Definition 1.3 (Green's formula).

$$\int_{\Omega} div\vec{v} \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{v} n \, dS \tag{16}$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{u}f$$

$$div(\vec{u}f) = (div\vec{u})f + \nabla f \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (div\vec{u})f + \nabla f \cdot \vec{u} \, dx = \int_{\partial \Omega} (\vec{u}n)f \, dS$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (div\vec{u})f \, dx$$

$$= \int_{\partial \Omega} (\vec{u}n)f \, dS - \int_{\Omega} \nabla$$

We have bounded terms

$$\int (fy)' = \int f'g + fg'$$

Suppose $u, v \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$ scaler fins

$$\int_{\Omega} \Delta u v \, dx = \int_{\partial \Omega} (\nabla u \vec{n}) v \, dS - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla v \, dx$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u \vec{n}) v \, dS - \int_{\Omega} u (\nabla v \vec{n}) \, dS + \int_{\Omega} u \Delta v \, dx$$

Suppose u is harmonic, suppose $v(y) = G_{\Omega}(x, y)$. We substitute this into the above formula. If u is harmonic function in Ω , then

$$u(x) = \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_y}(x, y) dS(y)$$

This is the formula to solve

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = g, \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

Problem 1.1. Suppose define

$$u(x) = \int_{\partial \Omega} g(y) \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_y}(x, y) dS$$

Then $u \longrightarrow g$ as $x \longrightarrow \partial \Omega$

Here we call

$$P_{\Omega}(x,y) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_y}(x,y)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial u_3}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{2(x_3 - y_3)}{|x_y|^3} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2(x_3 + y_3)}{|x - y|^3} \right) \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{x_3}{|x - y|^3}$$

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3_+} \frac{x_3}{|x' - y'|^2 + x_3^2} g(y) \, dy$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\epsilon}{(|y|^2 + \epsilon^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \phi_{\epsilon}$$
(Check) $\phi = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(|y|^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

$$\phi_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \frac{1}{(\frac{|y|^2}{\epsilon})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

And we know $\int \phi \, dy = 1$ Conclusion:

$$P((y,\epsilon),y)$$
 is a mollifier.

$$u(x_1, x_3, \epsilon) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} P(x_1 - y_1, x_2 - y_2, \epsilon) g(y_1, y_2) dy$$

Proposition 1.10. If g is bdd and continuous, then $u \longrightarrow g$ as $x_3 \longrightarrow 0^+$ locally uniformly.

$$\Delta u = 0in\mathbb{R}_{+}^{3}$$

$$u|_{\partial\mathbb{R}_{+}^{3}} = g$$
(18)

Question: uniqueness?

We want something like Liouville theorem in half space.

Theorem 1.11 (comp principle). $u, v \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$, if $u|_{\partial\Omega} = v|_{\partial\Omega}$, then

$$u \equiv v$$

Theorem 1.12 (Uniqueness). Suppose you have u, v solve

$$\Delta u_k = f \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3_+$$
$$u_k|_{\partial \mathbb{R}^3_+} = g, \quad k = 1, 2.$$

Suppose $u, v \longrightarrow 0$ as $|x| \longrightarrow +\infty$, then

$$u \equiv v$$

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Heat equation:

$$\partial_s u - \kappa \Delta u = 0$$
 where $u = u(x, s)$

where κ is the diffusivity

Change variable: $t = \kappa s$

$$\partial_t = \frac{1}{\kappa} \partial_s$$

$$\Longrightarrow \partial_t v - \Delta v = 0 \quad (\kappa = 1)$$

Here we have v(x,t) = u(x,s)

Consider

$$\partial_t u - \Delta u = 0$$

Fundamental solution? We consider two equivalent formulations:

$$\partial_t \Gamma - \Delta \Gamma = \delta_{(0,0)}(x,t)$$
$$= \delta_0 \delta_0(t)$$

The above is solved in $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \Gamma - \Delta \Gamma = 0, \\ \Gamma|_{t=0} = \delta_0(x), \end{cases}$$
 (19)

The above is solved in $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, +\infty)$

Similarly, consider the ODE:

$$\dot{x} = ax + \delta_0(t)$$
or solve:
$$\begin{cases}
\dot{x} = ax, \\
x(0) = 1,
\end{cases} \implies x(t) = e^{at}$$
(20)

Symmetry of the heat equation:

- 1. space, time translation
- 2. O(n) spatial rotation and reflection

- 3. homogeneity $u \mapsto mu$ where $m \in \mathbb{R}$
- 4. Scaling symmetry $u\mapsto u(\lambda x,\lambda^2 t),\ \lambda>0$ (Consider the former setup: $[\kappa]=\frac{L^2}{\Gamma}$)

What's the meaning of a function which is homogeneous?

$$f(\lambda x) = \lambda^{\alpha} f(x), \quad \lambda > 0$$

 $\iff f \text{ is } \alpha - \text{homogeneous}$

Example 1.9. $\frac{1}{|x|}$ is (-1)-homogeneous.

$$\frac{1}{\lambda|x|} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{|x|} = \lambda^{-1} \frac{1}{|x|}$$

Here for $\delta_0(x)$:

$$\delta_0(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \to \infty} \phi_{\epsilon}(x)$$
$$= \lim_{\epsilon \to o^+} \frac{1}{\epsilon^n} \phi(\frac{x}{\epsilon})$$

Homogeneity of $\delta_0(x)$:

$$\begin{split} \delta_0(\lambda x) &= \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \phi_\epsilon(\lambda x) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \frac{1}{\epsilon^n} \phi(\frac{\lambda x}{\epsilon}) \\ &= \lim_{\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda} \to 0^+} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} (\frac{\lambda}{\epsilon})^n \phi(\frac{\lambda x}{\epsilon}) \\ &= \lambda^{-n} \delta_0(x) \end{split}$$

This shows that δ_0 is (-n)-homogeneous.

Then with the scalling symmetry, we have:

$$u_{\lambda,m}(x,t) = mu(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t)$$

$$u_{\lambda}(x,t) := \lambda^m u(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t)$$

$$(m = \lambda^n) \quad f_{\lambda}(x) := \lambda^n f(\lambda x)$$

$$f_{\lambda} = f \iff (-n) - \text{homogeneous}$$

Observation:

$$(\delta_0)_{\lambda} = \delta_0(x)$$

Expect: $\Gamma_{\lambda} = \Gamma$

In Evans:

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{t^{\alpha}} F(\frac{x}{t^{\beta}})$$

It seems we "guess" this form for heat equation. But by the derivation we've done above for scaling symmetry, we know this must be the form.

By symmetry, we know that:

$$\Gamma(x,t) = \lambda^n \Gamma(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t), \quad \forall \lambda > 0$$

$$(\text{Choose } \lambda = \frac{1}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}})$$

$$\Gamma(x,t) = \frac{1}{t^{\frac{n}{2}}} \Gamma(\frac{x}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}, 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{t^{\frac{n}{2}}} F(\frac{x}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}})$$

$$F(y) = \Gamma(y, 1)$$

Here we define: $y := \frac{x}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

$$\partial_t \Gamma - \Delta \Gamma = 0$$

$$\partial_t (t^{-\frac{n}{2}} F(\frac{x}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}})) - \Delta (t^{-\frac{n}{2}} F(\frac{x}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}})) = 0$$
(21)

Differentiate it:

$$\partial_t (t^{-\frac{n}{2}} F(\frac{x}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}})) - \Delta (t^{-\frac{n}{2}} F(\frac{x}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}})) = -\frac{n}{2} t^{-\frac{n}{2} - 1} F + t^{-\frac{n}{2}} (\nabla_y F) (-\frac{1}{2} x t^{-\frac{3}{2}}) - t^{-\frac{n}{2}} (\Delta_y F) t^{-1} = 0$$

$$\implies -\frac{n}{2} F - \frac{1}{2} y \nabla_y F - \Delta_y F = 0$$

Here we know F radial: $F = F(r), r = |y|, y\nabla_y = r\partial_r$ Solve the ODE:

$$\frac{n}{2}F + \frac{1}{2}r\partial_r F + \partial_r^2 F + \frac{n-1}{r}\partial_r F = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2r^{n-1}}(r^n F)' + \frac{1}{r^{n-1}}(r^{n-1} F')' = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}r^n F + r^{n-1} F' = A = 0$$

$$F' = -\frac{1}{2}rF$$

$$F = Be^{\frac{-r^2}{4}}$$

What is B?

$$\partial_t \int \Gamma - \int \Delta \Gamma = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Gamma = 0$$

$$\Longrightarrow \int \Gamma \, dx = \text{ constant in time}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} F(|y|) \, dy = 1 \Longrightarrow B = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}}$$

The Heat Kernel:

$$\Gamma(x,t) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}}$$

$$\Gamma(x, \epsilon^2) = \phi_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^n} \phi(\frac{x}{\epsilon})$$
 is a Mollifier.

Theorem 1.13. u_0 is bounded and continuous on \mathbb{R}^n . Define

$$u(x,t) := (\Gamma(\cdot,t) * u_0)(x_0)$$
$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Gamma(x-y,t)u_0(y) dy$$

, which solves heat equation and

 $u \longrightarrow u_0$ as $t \longrightarrow 0^+$ locally uniformly.

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Heat Kernel:

$$\Gamma(x,t) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \exp(-\frac{|x|^2}{4t})$$

Solve: IVP

$$\begin{cases}
\partial_t u - \Delta u = 0, \\
u| = u_t, \\
t = 0
\end{cases}$$
(22)

 $u(x,t) = \Gamma(t) * u_0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Gamma(x-y,t) u_0(y) dy$

$$\begin{cases}
\partial_t u - \Delta u = f, \\
u| = 0, \\
t = 0
\end{cases}$$
(23)

 $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times [0,T) \to \mathbb{R}$ extend by zero.

We have

$$\Gamma *_{x,t} f = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Gamma(x - y, t - s) f(y, s) dy ds$$

We only care when $t \ge s$. And we know $s \ge 0$.

Thus we have

$$\Longrightarrow = \int_{s=0}^{t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Gamma(x-y,t-s) f(y,s) ds$$

Define

$$\Gamma_1 \begin{cases} \Gamma, & |x|^2 + t \geqslant 1\\ smooth, & |x|^2 + t \leqslant 1 \end{cases}$$
(24)

Define $\Gamma_{\epsilon}(x,t) = \frac{1}{\epsilon^n} \Gamma(\frac{x}{\epsilon}, \frac{t}{\epsilon^2})$

Consider $(\partial_t - \Delta)\Gamma_{\epsilon} = \phi_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{\epsilon}\phi(\frac{x}{\epsilon}, \frac{t}{\epsilon^2})$

WTS: $\Delta(G * f) = f$

$$\Delta(G_{\epsilon} * f)$$

Proposition 1.14. Suppose $f \in C_1^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,T))$ and f is compactly supported in $\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,T)$

Remark. Notice we let the function touches the initial time.

$$u = \Gamma *_{x,t} f$$

$$u \in C_1^2 \text{ solves}$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \Delta u = f, \\ u| = 0, \\ t = 0 \end{cases}$$
(25)

Remark. Suppose we have $u \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,T))$, then we can say:

$$\partial_t u - \Delta u = f$$
 weakly in $\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T)$

If $\int u(-\partial_t - \Delta)\varphi = \int f\varphi \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,T))$ (don't see initial time).

$$f \in L^1_{x,t}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,T))$$

 $\implies u$ solves equation weakly.

Now think about analogy of harmonic function: $\Delta u = 0$. We call them caloric function satisfying: $\partial_t u - \Delta u = 0$.

- 1. Interior estimates
- 2. Liouville theorem
- 3. maximum principle
- 4. Harneck
- 5. Weyl's lemma.

Now let's talk about interior estimates: if $u \in C_1^2$ & compactly supported, then

$$\Gamma *_{rt} (\partial_t - \Delta)u = u$$

Now we define $B_r := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| < r\}$ and $Q_r := B_r \times (-r^2, 0)$.

If u is caloric function on Q_{2R} , then

$$\sup_{Q_R} |\partial_t \nabla_x^k u| \le C_{j,k} \frac{1}{R^{2j+k}} \oint_{Q_{2R} \setminus Q_R} |u| dx dt \quad j,k \ge 0$$
 (26)

We think about $u = \phi u = \Gamma * (\partial_t - \Delta)(\phi u) = \Gamma * (\partial_t \phi u - \Delta \phi u - 2\nabla \phi \nabla u)$ where $\phi \equiv 1$ on Q_R and $\phi \equiv 0$ outside Q_{2R} .

Theorem 1.15 (Liouville). If u is bounded and ancient sol to $\partial_t u - \Delta u = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}^n \times (-\infty, 0)$, then $u \equiv \text{const}$

Remark. We know

$$\leq C_{j,k} \frac{1}{R^{2j+k}} \int_{Q_{2R} \setminus Q_R} |u| \leq C \frac{1}{R^2} \sup_{\mathbb{R}^n \times (-\infty,0)} |u|$$

Weyl's lemma: weakly caloric function is smooth.

Theorem 1.16 (Maximum principle). Ω is bounded domain $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose $u \in C_1^2(\Omega \times (0,T)) \cap C(\overline{\Omega \times [0,T]})$. (This is kind of a cylinder).

$$\partial_{par}(\Omega\times(0,T)) = \underbrace{\left(\partial\Omega\times\left[0,T\right]\times\left(\bar{\Omega}\times\left\{0\right\}\right)\right)}_{\text{sides and bottom}}$$

$$\text{False:} \max_{\Omega \times [0,T]} > \max_{\partial_{par}(\Omega \times [0,T])} u$$

If $u(x_0, t_0) = \max_{\Omega \times [0,T]} u$ and $(x_0, t_0) \notin \partial_{par}(\Omega \times [0,T])$, then

$$u \equiv \text{const}$$

[Date: Oct 4, 2024] Parabolic max principle: understanding Suppose u has local max at x_0, t_0

1. In the domain Ω . $\partial_t u(x_0, t_0) = 0$ and $\nabla u(x_0, t_0) = 0$ We have

$$u(x,t) = u(x_0,t_0) + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla^2 u(x_0,t_0)(x-x_0,t-t_0))(x-x_0,t-t_0)$$

And we have

$$\underbrace{\partial_t u}_{-0} - \Delta u(x_0, t_0) = 0$$

We actually have

$$-\Delta u(x_0, t_0) < 0$$

We will add $\epsilon(t+|x|^2)$.

2. $\partial_t u(x_0, t_0) \ge 0$ and we still have $\nabla_x u(x_0, t_0)$. Consider heat function

$$0 = \partial_t u - \Delta u(x_0, t_0) \geqslant -\Delta u(x_0, t_0)$$

It's a parabola or saddle.

Theorem 1.17 (Uniqueness). (We prove uniqueness by maximum principle) $u \in C_1^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,T))$ and $u \in C(\overline{\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,T]}), \ u|_{t=0} = 0$ and $|u| \longrightarrow 0$ as $|x| \longrightarrow \infty$.

Then $u \equiv 0$.

We prove uniquesness by another way

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

where $x \in R^{10}, A \in R^{10 \times 10}$

$$\begin{cases} u = x, & \in L^2 \\ \Delta = A, \end{cases} \tag{27}$$

By this example, we can try Parabolic PDF \iff ODEs in ∞ -dim

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax, \\ x(0) = \vec{x}, \end{cases} \tag{28}$$

defined on (0,T). We solve it and obtain $x(t) = e^{At}\vec{0} = \vec{0}$

We solve

$$\begin{cases}
-\dot{y} = A^* y + f(t), & \text{on } (0, T) \\
y(T) = 0,
\end{cases}$$
(29)

We have this "final time" problem \longrightarrow solve backward.

Suppose $\forall f$ solve adj problem existence.

Existence for adj problem \Longrightarrow uniqueness for forward problem.

Given x. Let f be arbitrary $(f \in C_0^{\infty}((0,T)))$.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax, \\ \int_0^T \langle \frac{dx}{dt}, y \rangle = \int_0^T \langle Ax, y \rangle, \end{cases}$$

$$- \int_0^T \langle x, \dot{y} \rangle = \int_0^T \langle x, A^* y \rangle$$

$$\Longrightarrow \int_0^T \langle x, \dot{y} + A^* y \rangle dt = 0$$

$$\int_0^T \langle x(t), -f(t) \rangle dt = 0$$
(30)

This is true for $\forall f$. Then $\Longrightarrow x \equiv 0$.

Theorem 1.18. $u \in C_1^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,T)) \cap C(\overline{\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,T]})$. $u|_{t=0} = 0$, $|u| \leqslant Ce^{A|x|^2}$. Then $u \equiv 0$.

We are solving

$$v(x,t)\cdots$$

Let $f \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,T))$

$$\begin{cases}
-\partial_t v = \Delta v + f, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T) \\
v|_{t=T} = 0
\end{cases}$$
(31)

Let w(x,t) = v(x,T-t) and $\tilde{f}(x,t) = f(x,T-t)$ where $w(x,t) = \Gamma *_{x,t} \tilde{f}$

$$w(x,t) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Gamma(x-y,t-s)\tilde{f}(y,s) \, dy ds$$

$$\leqslant \int_0^t \int_{B_R} e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} |\tilde{f}(y,s)|$$

existence \checkmark .

$$|w| \leqslant \tilde{C}e^{\frac{-|x|^2}{Ct}}$$

Consider

$$\partial_t u - \Delta u = 0$$

$$\int_0^T \int \partial_t u \cdot v - \int_0^T \int \Delta u v = 0$$

$$\Longrightarrow \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(x, T)v(x, T)}_{=0} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(0)v(0) - \int \int u(\partial_t v + \Delta v) = 0$$

$$\Longrightarrow \int \int u(-f) \, dx dt = 0$$

This is true $\forall f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times (0,T) \Longrightarrow u \equiv 0.$