

## Homework 5

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# Partial differential equations

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1- Use the mean value property to prove that the zeros of a harmonic function

$$u : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

are never isolated.

2- Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a smooth and bounded domain,  $c > 0$  and  $T > 0$  constants, given functions  $f \in C(\Omega \times [0, T])$ ,  $g \in C(\partial\Omega \times [0, T])$ , and  $\varphi \in C(\Omega)$ . Use the energy method

$$E(u)(t) := \int_{\Omega \times \{t\}} u^2(x, t) dx,$$

to prove the uniqueness of the solution to the initial boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - c \Delta u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T], \\ u &= g && \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T], \\ u &= \varphi && \text{on } \Omega \times \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

3- The following fully non-linear PDE

$$v_{tt}v_{xx} - 2v_{xt}v_{xt} + v_t^2v_{xx} = 0 \quad (1)$$

is a special case of the so-called Monge-Ampère equation. Here, you will reduce this PDE to an equivalent first-order equation and then solve it.

(a) The equation (1) is equivalent to a simpler equation for a new function  $u = v_t/v_x$ . Find this equation for the function  $u$ .

(b) For the given initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, 0) &= 1 + 2e^{3x}, \\ v_t(x, 0) &= 4e^{3x}, \end{aligned}$$

on  $-\infty < x < \infty$ , find the corresponding initial conditions for  $u$ .

(c) Solve the equation for  $u$  using the method of characteristics.

(d) Find  $v$  the solution to the equation (1).

4- The Legendre transform of a  $C^2$  convex function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$f^*(p) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot p - f(x)\}.$$

(a) Prove  $f^*(p)$  is a convex function.

(b) Let  $H(p) = \frac{1}{r}|p|^r$ , for some  $1 < r < \infty$ . Let  $s$  be the number where

$$\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1.$$

Let  $L(v) = \frac{1}{s}|v|^s$ . We want to show  $H^* = L$ . To do so, first prove:

$$H^*(v) \geq L(v).$$

Hint: Do this using the fact that the supremum of a function is greater than the value of the function obtained at a specific point.

(c) Prove with the use of the Young's inequality.

$$H^*(v) \leq L(v).$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $u \in C^2(U)$  be a solution to a non-linear first-order PDE:

$$F(\nabla u(x), u(x), x) = 0.$$

Let  $p(s) = \nabla u(x(s))$  and  $z(s) = u(x(s))$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} x'(s) &= \nabla_p F, \\ p'(s) &= -\nabla_x F - \nabla_z F p, \\ z'(s) &= p \cdot \nabla_p F. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2** (Young's inequality).

If  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$  and  $r, s$  are positive, then  $ab \leq \frac{a^r}{r} + \frac{b^s}{s}$ .

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$$4. f^*(p) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot p - f(x)\}$$

eg.  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$

(a) Prove  $f^*(p)$  is a convex function?

Use Jensen inequality:

Assume  $f^*$  is a convex function,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$f^*(\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2) \leq \lambda f^*(p_1) + (1-\lambda)f^*(p_2)$$

By the definition

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(p) &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot (\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2) - f(x)\} \\ &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot (\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2) - f(x)\} \\ &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{\lambda(x \cdot p_1) + (1-\lambda)(x \cdot p_2) - f(x)\} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(x)$  is independent from  $\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{\lambda(x \cdot p_1 - f(x)) + (1-\lambda)(x \cdot p_2 - f(x))\} \\ &= \lambda \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot p_1 - f(x)\} + (1-\lambda) \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot p_2 - f(x)\} \\ &\leq \lambda f^*(p_1) + (1-\lambda)f^*(p_2) \end{aligned}$$

So that  $f^*(x)$  is convex

(b)  $H(p) = \frac{1}{r} |p|^r$ ,  $r \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $s$  satisfies  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$

$L(v) = \frac{1}{s} |v|^s$ ,  $H^* = L$

?  $H^* = L$

$H(p) + L(v) = \frac{|p|^r}{r} + \frac{|v|^s}{s} \geq p \cdot v \Rightarrow H(p) \geq p \cdot v - L(v)$

$L(v) \geq p \cdot v - H(p)$

$= \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} (p \cdot v - H(p)) = H^*(v)$  // This also prove (c)

$H^*(v) = \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{p \cdot v - H(p)\} = \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{p \cdot v - \sup_{r \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{p \cdot r - L(r)\}\}$

$= \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} [p \cdot v - \inf_{r \in \mathbb{R}^n} (p \cdot r - L(r))] = \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} (L(v)) \Rightarrow H^*(v) \geq L(v)$ , we have also proved that  $L(v) \geq H^*(v)$

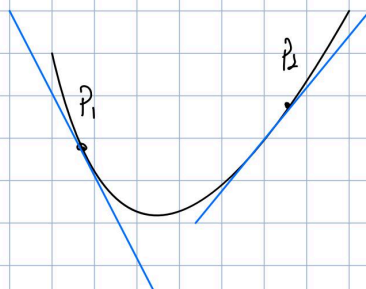
So that  $H^*(v) = L(v)$

(c)  $H^*(v) - L(v) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot v - H(x)\} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{x \cdot v - \frac{1}{r} |x|^r\} - \frac{1}{s} |v|^s$

$\geq x \cdot v - \left( \frac{|x|^r}{r} + \frac{|v|^s}{s} \right) \leq 0$

since  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$ , Young's inequality  $\geq x \cdot v$

$H^*(v) \leq L(v)$



convex function  
 $g \leq \lambda g(x_1) + (1-\lambda)g(x_2)$   
 $L(v) \geq L(v) + (v-v) \cdot \underline{p}$

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$$1. u: U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Delta u = 0$$

Assume there is an isolated zero  $x_0$

for some  $r > 0$ , there is  $u \neq 0$  on the  $\partial B_r(x_0)$

while  $u(x_0) = 0$

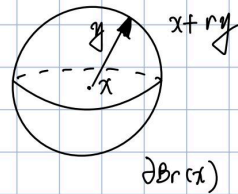
Since we have that  $u(x) = \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(x+ry) ds$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u(x_0)} = \int_{\partial B_r(x_0)} u(x_0+ry) ds$$

Given that  $u(x_0) = 0$ , so the right hand side should equal 0

This violated the sense that there is  $u \neq 0$  on the  $\partial B_r(x_0)$

So the zeros of harmonic functions are never isolated



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2. There exists at most one function  $u \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$

Assume there is another solution  $\tilde{u}$

Define  $w := u - \tilde{u}$  To prove  $w \equiv 0$ ?

$$\begin{cases} u_t - c \Delta u = f^C & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T] \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T] \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \Omega \times \{0\} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_t - c \Delta w = 0 \\ w = 0 \\ w = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{Besome homo})$$

$$E(w, t) := \int_{\Omega \times \{t\}} w^2(x, t) dx$$

Assume that  $w = 0$

$$\text{Then } E(w, t) = \int_{\Omega \times \{t\}} w^2(x, t) dx = 0 \dots \textcircled{1}$$

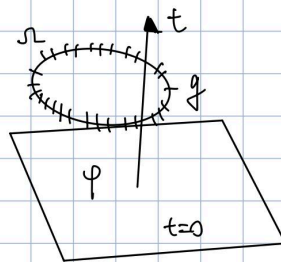
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(w, t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega \times \{t\}} w \overset{c \Delta w}{w_t} dx \\ &= 2c \int_{\Omega \times \{t\}} w w_{xx} dx \\ &= 2c \overset{0}{w w_x} - \int_{\Omega \times \{t\}} |w_x|^2 dx \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since its derivative  $[0, T]$  is negative The value of  $E(w, t)$  should decrease

From  $\textcircled{1}$  we have that  $E(w, t) = 0$ , if it decrease among domain

It is conflict to the fact that  $E(w, t) \geq 0$

So there is at most one function  $u \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$



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$$3. \quad v_{tt} v_{xx} - 2 v_{xt} v_{xt} + v_t^2 v_{xx} = 0 \quad \dots ①$$

$$u = \frac{v_t}{v_x} ?$$

$$ca) \quad u_t = \frac{d(v_t v_x^{-1})}{dt} = \frac{v_{tt} v_x - v_t v_{xt}}{v_x^2} \quad \dots ②$$

$$u_x = \frac{d(v_t v_x^{-1})}{dx} = \frac{v_{tx} v_x - v_t v_{xx}}{v_x^2} \quad \dots ③$$

$$\text{Since } v_t = u v_x$$

$$\begin{cases} v_{tt} = u_t v_x + u v_{xt} \quad \dots ④ \\ v_{tx} = u_x v_x + u v_{xx} \quad \dots ⑤ \end{cases}$$

$$① \rightarrow ④ \quad v_{tt} = u_t v_x + u u_x v_x + u^2 v_{xx}$$

By looking at ② & ③, change ① to

$$v_{tt} v_{xx} - v_{xt} v_{xt} = v_{xt} v_{xt} - v_t^2 v_{xx}$$

$$② \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u_t v_x^2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v_{tt} v_x - v_t v_{xt}) \quad \text{Since } v \text{ is a function of } (x, t) \rightarrow v_{xt} \text{ \& } v_{tx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (c) \text{ a constant}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$u_{tx} v_x^2 + 2 u_t v_x v_{xx} = \text{LHS}$$

$$③ \rightarrow u_x v_x^2 = v_{tx} v_x - v_t v_{xx}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (u_x v_x^2) = v_{xtx} v_x + v_{tx} v_{xt} - v_{tt} v_{xx} - v_t v_{xxt}$$

$$u_{tx} v_x^2 + 2 u_x v_x v_{xx} + v_{tt} v_{xx} - v_t^2 v_{xx} = \text{RHS}$$

$$\cancel{u_{tx} v_x^2} + 2 \cancel{u_x v_x v_{xx}} = \cancel{u_{tx} v_x^2} + 2 \cancel{u_x v_x v_{xx}} + v_{tt} v_{xx} - v_t^2 v_{xx}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 v_x (u_t - u_x) = v_{tt} - v_t^2$$

$$2 v_x (u_t - u_x) = u_t v_x + u u_x v_x + u^2 v_{xx} - u^2 v_x^2$$

$$u_t - 2 u_x = u \cdot u_x + u^2 \frac{v_{xx}}{v_x} - u^2 v_x$$

$$u_t - 2 u_x =$$

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$$cb) IC: \begin{cases} \psi(x,0) = 1 + 2e^{3x} \dots \textcircled{3} \\ \psi_t(x,0) = 4e^{3x} \dots \textcircled{4} \end{cases}$$

cd)

$$\psi_x(x,0) = 6e^{3x}$$

$$\text{Since } u = \frac{\psi_t}{\psi_x}$$

From  $\textcircled{3}$  &  $\textcircled{4}$

$$u(x,0) = \frac{4e^{3x}}{6e^{3x}} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \text{ a constant}$$

$$cc) \psi_{xx}(u_t - u\psi_x + u^2\psi_x) - 2u_x^2\psi_x = 0$$

$$FCD u, u, x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F \left( \overset{u_t}{p_1}, \overset{u_x}{p_2}, \overset{u}{z}, \overset{\psi_x}{x_1}, \overset{\psi_{xx}}{x_2} \right) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} D_x F = \\ D_z F = \\ D_p F = \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{p}(s) = -D_x F - D_z F \cdot p \\ \dot{z}(s) = D_p F \cdot p \\ \dot{x}(s) = D_p F \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{p}(s) = \\ \dot{z}(s) = \\ \dot{x}(s) = \end{cases}$$