

Homework 1

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💬 It's true that u should decay at infinity, however, it's not trivial. You can use the mean value property to show that (look at the solutions on the webpage).

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PDE Homework 1 Due Date: Feb 9

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- ↗ IVP
- 1- Find the explicit solution u to the following equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \underbrace{b \cdot \nabla u}_{\text{directional movement in the spatial domain } (x,t)} + \underbrace{cu}_{\text{growth/death} \rightarrow e^c} = 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty), \\ \boxed{u = g} & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t = 0\}, \end{cases}$$

here $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are constants.

- 2- Let $u : B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a solution to the following equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } B_r^\circ(0), \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial B_r(0). \end{cases}$$

Prove the following:

$$u(0) = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(\partial B_r(0))} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} (g dS) + \frac{1}{n(n-2)\text{vol}(B_1(0))} \int_{B_r(0)} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \right)}_{\text{fundamental solution of the Laplace's equation}} f dx.$$

- 3- Suppose $u : U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is harmonic. Show that $v = |\nabla u|^2$ is subharmonic; i.e., $-\Delta v \leq 0$.

- 4. Prove there exists a constant C such that for any function u , a solution of

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } B_r^\circ(0), \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial B_r(0). \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\max_{B_1(0)} |u| \leq C \left(\max_{\partial B_1(0)} |g| + \max_{B_1(0)} |f| \right).$$

- 5. Suppose that $u \in \underbrace{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}_{\text{Square integrable}} \cap \underbrace{C^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}_{\text{2nd continuity}}$ and $\Delta u = 0$. Show $u = 0$.

Liouville's thm
 u harmonic $\implies \bar{u}$
 u is a constant

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$$\begin{cases} u_t + b \cdot \nabla u + c u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t=0\} \end{cases}$$

$$z: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ \& } t \in (0, \infty)$$

$$z(s) = u(x+bs, t+s) e^{cs}$$

$$\frac{\partial z(s)}{\partial s} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial s} (u(x+bs, t+s))}_{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial (x+bs)}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial (t+s)}{\partial s}} e^{cs} + \underbrace{u(x+bs, t+s)}_{b \cdot D_x u(x+bs, t+s) + u_t(x+bs, t+s)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial s} e^{cs}}_{c e^{cs}}$$

$$= e^{cs} (b \cdot D_x u(x+bs, t+s) + u_t(x+bs, t+s)) + u(x+bs, t+s) c \cdot e^{cs}$$

$$= e^{cs} (u_t(x+bs, t+s) + b \cdot D_x u(x+bs, t+s) + c \cdot u(x+bs, t+s)) = 0$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \begin{matrix} s=0 & || & -t \\ u=g & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t=0\} \end{matrix}$$

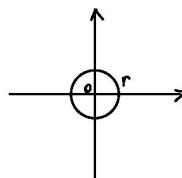
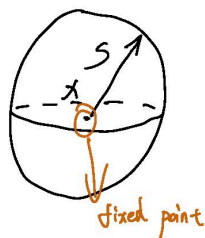
$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \underline{z(0)} &= \underline{z(-t)} \\ &\downarrow &\downarrow \\ &u(x+0, t+0) e^0 &u(x-bt, 0) e^{-ct} \\ &= u(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the explicit solution would be $g(x-bt) e^{-ct}$

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2. Define that

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(s) &:= \frac{1}{n \alpha(n) s^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} u(y) dS(y) \\ &= \frac{\int_{\partial B_s(x)} u(x+y) dS(y)}{n \alpha(n)}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\phi'(s) &= \frac{\int_{\partial B_s(x)} \nabla u(x+y) \cdot y dS(y)}{n \alpha(n)} \quad \text{divergence thm} \\ &= \frac{\int_{\partial B_s(x)} \nabla \cdot \nabla u(y) dy}{n \alpha(n) s^{n-1}} \quad \Delta u = -f, x=0 \\ &= - \frac{\int_{\partial B_s(x)} f(y) dy}{n \alpha(n) s^{n-1}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(s) - \phi(\epsilon) &= \int_{\epsilon}^s \phi'(s) ds \Rightarrow \phi(\epsilon) = \phi(s) - \int_{\epsilon}^s \phi'(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{n \alpha(n) s^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f dy - \int_{\epsilon}^s \phi'(s) ds\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}- \int_{\epsilon}^s \phi'(s) ds &= \int_{\epsilon}^s \frac{1}{n \alpha(n) s^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f(y) dy ds \\ &= \frac{1}{n \alpha(n)} \int_{\epsilon}^s \frac{1}{s^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f(y) dy ds \quad \frac{-1}{(n-2)s^{n-2}} \Big|_{s=\epsilon}^s = \frac{1}{n-2} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n \alpha(n)} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2-n} \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f dy \right) \Big|_{\epsilon}^s - \int_{\epsilon}^s \frac{1}{2-n} \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f dy ds \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha(n)} \left[\int_{\epsilon}^s \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f dy ds - \frac{1}{\epsilon^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_{\epsilon}(x)} f dy + \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f dy \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha(n)} \left[\int_{\epsilon}^s \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f dy ds + \frac{1}{\epsilon^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_{\epsilon}(x)} f dy - \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \int_{\partial B_s(x)} f dy \right]$$

$$\int_{\epsilon}^s ds \int_{\partial B_s(x)} \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} f dy = \int_{B_{\epsilon}(x)} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} f(x) dx$$

$$\text{As } \epsilon \rightarrow 0, \star \rightarrow \int_{B_{\epsilon}(x)} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} f(x) dx$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} - \int_{\epsilon}^s \phi'(s) ds = \frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha(n)} \int_{B_{\epsilon}(x)} \left(\frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{s^{n-2}} \right) f dx$$

Thus, letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$u(x) = \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(\partial B_r(x))} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} f dy + \frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha(n)} \int_{B_r(x)} \left(\frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \right) f dx$$

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3. $u: U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is harmonic

$$v = |\Delta u|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n u_{x_i}^2 \quad \text{for } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_k} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n u_{x_i} u_{x_i x_k}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x_k \partial x_j} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_k} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x_i x_k x_j} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x_k^2} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_k} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_k} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_k^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_k} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\Delta u) \quad \text{harmonic} = 0$$

$$\geq 0$$

$$\therefore -\Delta v \leq 0$$

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4. Using Poisson's formula of ball

$$u(x) = \frac{r^2 - |x|^2}{n\alpha(n)r} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \frac{g}{|x-y|^n} dS$$

Since integrating over the boundary, $y \in \partial B_r(0)$ $|x-y| \leq |x| + r$

$$u(x) = \frac{(r-|x|)(r+|x|)}{n\alpha(n)r} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \frac{g}{|x-y|^n} dS$$

$$\leq \frac{(r-|x|)(r+|x|)}{n\alpha(n)r} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \frac{g}{(|x|+r)^n} dS = \frac{r-|x|}{(|x|+r)^{n-1}} \frac{1}{n\alpha(n)r} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} g dS$$

$$= \frac{r-|x|}{(|x|+r)^{n-1}} \frac{r^{n-2}}{n\alpha(n)r^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} g dS$$

$$= \frac{r^{n-2}(r-|x|)}{(|x|+r)^{n-1}} u(0)$$

From 2 we know that

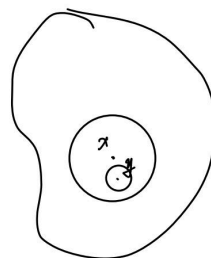
$$u(0) = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(\partial B_r(0))} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} g dS + \frac{1}{n(n-2) \text{vol}(B_1(0))} \int_{B_r(0)} \left(\frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \right) f dx$$

$$u(x) \leq \frac{r^{n-2}(r-|x|)}{(|x|+r)^{n-1}} \left[\frac{1}{\text{vol}(\partial B_r(0))} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} g dS + \frac{1}{n(n-2) \text{vol}(B_1(0))} \int_{B_r(0)} \left(\frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \right) f dx \right]$$

C:

As u is harmonic on a bounded region

$$\text{So } \max_{B_1(0)} |u| \leq C \left(\max_{\partial B_1(0)} |g| + \max_{B_1(0)} |f| \right)$$



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5. u is square integrable & 2nd continuity
? u is bounded

From Liouville thm, bc $u: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded harmonic function ($\Delta u = 0$)

So that u is a constant

$$u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u(x)|^2 dx < \infty$$

u must decay at infinity $\rightarrow u \rightarrow 0$

Thus, $u = 0$