

Homework 3

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PDE
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Towards solving the wave equation in $\dim = 3$
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Let f_U denote the average integral over a domain U :

$$f_U := \frac{1}{\text{vol}(U)} \int_U \cdot$$

Suppose $u : [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a C^2 solution of

$$u_t - \Delta u = 0, \quad \text{--- ①}$$

with given initial conditions f and g :

$$u(0, x) = f(x), \quad \text{--- ②} \quad u_t(0, x) = g(x). \quad \text{--- ③}$$

For any fixed x , define

$U_x : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and

$F_x, G_x : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$U_x(t; r) := \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$F_x(r) := \int_{\partial B_r(x)} f(y) dy;$$

and

$$G_x(r) := \int_{\partial B_r(x)} g(y) dy.$$

1- Then, **prove** that $U_x : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ solves the PDE

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} U_x - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} U_x - \frac{n-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} U_x = 0,$$

2- Moreover, **show** that it satisfies the initial conditions

$$U_x(0, \cdot) = F_x \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_x(0, \cdot) = G_x.$$

3- Moreover, **prove** that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} U_x(t; r) = u(t; x) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_x(t; r) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(t; x).$$

Now suppose $n = 3$. Define $U_x, F_x, G_x :$

$[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\tilde{U}_x = r U_x, \quad \tilde{F}_x = r F_x \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{G}_x = r G_x.$$

4- **Prove** the following relations:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \right) \tilde{U}_x = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty),$$

$$\tilde{U}_x = \tilde{F}_x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{U}_x = \tilde{G}_x \quad \text{on} \quad \{t = 0\} \times (0, \infty),$$

$$\tilde{U} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad (0, \infty) \times \{r = 0\}.$$

5- **[Kirchhoff's formula.]** Suppose $f \in C^3$

and $g \in C^2$. Following questions 1,2,3,4, **show** that we have the following explicit solution in dimension $n = 3$

$$u(x, t) = \int_{\partial B_t(x)} (f(y) + t \nabla_\nu f(y) + t g(y)) dS(y),$$

for orthonormal outward vector field ν .

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1. For fix x ,

$$U_x(t; r) := \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dy$$

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$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial r} = \int_{\partial B_r(x)} D u(t; y) \frac{y-x}{r} dS(y)$$

$$= \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} dS(y)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} = \frac{1}{n} \int_{\partial B_1(x)} \Delta u(t; y) dy$$

= 0

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \Delta u(t; y) dy \right)$$



$$= \frac{1}{n} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \Delta u(t; y) dy + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\int_{\partial B_r(x)} \Delta u(t; y) dy \right)$$

$$= A + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} dS(y) \right) \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$= A + \frac{1}{n} \left[-\frac{1}{r^2} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} dS(y) + \frac{1}{r} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} dS(y) \right]$$

$$= A - \frac{1}{r} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} dS(y) - \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} dS(y)$$

$$= A - \frac{1}{n} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \Delta u(t; y) dy + \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \Delta u dy$$

$$= \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \Delta u dy + \left(\frac{1}{n} - 1 \right) \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \Delta u dy$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} U_{rr} = \frac{1}{n} \Delta u(x; t) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Since } U_r = \frac{1}{n} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u_{tt} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{n \alpha(n)} \frac{1}{r^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u_{tt} dy$$

$$(r^{n-1} U_r)_n = \left(\frac{1}{n \alpha(n)} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u_{tt} dy \right)_n$$

$$= r^{n-1} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u_{tt} dS \stackrel{\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+}}{=} r^{n-1} U_{tt} \rightarrow 0$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} U_x - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} U_x - \frac{n-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} U_x = 0$$

$$2. U_x(t; r) := \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dy$$

$$= \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \underbrace{u(0; y)}_{\text{from ②}} dy$$

$$= \int_{\partial B_r(x)} f(y) dy$$

$$\text{by def} = F_x$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_x(0; \cdot)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(0; y) dy$$

$$= \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \underbrace{u_t(0; y)}_{\text{from ③}} dy$$

$$\text{by def} = G_x$$

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3. By definition

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} V_x(t; r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dy$$

$$= u(t; x)$$



$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} V_x(t; r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} V(x; r, t)$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u_t(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$= u_t(t; x)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(t; x)$$

4. $n=3$

$$\tilde{V}_x = r V_x, \tilde{F}_x = r F_x, \tilde{G}_x = r G_x$$

$$\tilde{V} = r V, \tilde{F} = r F, \tilde{G} = r G$$

Since

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 \\ u(0, x) = f(x) \\ u_t(0, x) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} V = \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y) \\ F = \int_{\partial B_r(x)} f(y) dS(y) \\ G = \int_{\partial B_r(x)} g(y) dS(y) \end{cases}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \right) \left[r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y) \right] \tilde{V}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \cdot r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$- \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \cdot r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$= r \left(\int_{\partial B_r(x)} \underline{u_{tt}} dS(y) - \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u_{rr} dS(y) \right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\tilde{V} = r V = r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$= r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \underline{u(0; y)} dS(y)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \underline{f(y)}$$

$$= r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} f(y) dS(y)$$

$$= r F$$

$$= \tilde{F}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$= r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} \underline{u_t(0; y)} dS(y)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \underline{g(y)}$$

$$= r G$$

$$= \tilde{G}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \tilde{V} = r V = r \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(t; y) dS(y)$$

$$= 0$$

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5. For the dimension $n=3$, from Q4 we have

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{U}_{tt} - \tilde{U}_{rr} = 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times (0, \infty) \\ \tilde{U} = \tilde{F}, \quad \tilde{U}_t = \tilde{G}, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \{t=0\} \\ \tilde{U} = 0, & \text{on } \{r=0\} \times (0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{U}_{tt} &= r U_{tt} \\ &= r [U_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} U_r] \\ &= r U_{rr} + 2U_r = \tilde{U}_{rr} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{F}'(0) = 0$$

By the d'Alembert's formula $u(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [f(x+t) + f(x-t)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} g(y) dy & \text{if } x \geq t \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} [f(x+t) + f(t-x)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t-x}^{x+t} g(y) dy & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq t \end{cases}$

For $0 \leq r \leq t$

$$\tilde{U} = \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{F}(r+t) - \tilde{F}(t-r)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-r+t}^{r+t} \tilde{G}(y) dy$$

$$u(x, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} U_x(r, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} U(x; r, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\tilde{U}(x; r, t)}{r} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{\tilde{F}(t+r) - \tilde{F}(t-r)}{2r} + \frac{1}{2r} \int_{t-r}^{t+r} \tilde{G}(y) dy \right] \\ &= \tilde{F}'(t) + \tilde{G}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(t \int_{\partial B_t(x)} f dS \right) + t \int_{\partial B_t(x)} g dS \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ &= \int_{\partial B_t(x)} Df(x+tz) \cdot z dS(z) \\ &= \int_{\partial B_t(x)} Dg(y) \left(\frac{y-x}{t} \right) dS(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \int_{\partial B_t(x)} [t g(y) + f(y) + t \cdot Df(y) \cdot (y-x)] dS(y) \\ &= \int_{\partial B_t(x)} (t g(y) + f(y) + t \nabla f(y)) dS(y) \end{aligned}$$