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# MTH 424 - PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

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## Assignment 4

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1. Show that the Fundamental solution  $\Phi$  is locally integrable for any dimension  $n \geq 2$ . Check integrability of its partial derivatives.
2. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a bounded domain. Show that the following problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = u & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

has only solution  $u \equiv 0$ . [HINT: Multiply both side of the equation by  $u$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ .]

3. (a) Define a  $C^2$  *sub-harmonic* function and prove that for any bounded domain  $\Omega$

$$\max_{\bar{\Omega}} u = \max_{\partial\Omega} u$$

- (b) Construct a  $C^2$  function such that

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 2n & \text{in } B_1(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u = 1 & \text{on } \partial B_1(0) \end{cases}$$

- (c) Assume,  $u \in C^2(\overline{B(0,1)})$  which solves the following equation

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } B_1(0) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial B_1(0). \end{cases}$$

Show that

$$\max_{\overline{B_1(0)}} |u(x)| \leq \max_{\overline{B_1(0)}} |f(x)|.$$

4. Let  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfies

$$Lu = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{i,j}(x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) + c(x)u(x) \geq 0,$$

where  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ ,  $b_i$ ,  $c$  are real valued smooth functions on  $\Omega$  and  $c < 0$  and  $(a_{i,j})_{i,j}$  is a non-negative definite matrix. Then show that  $u$  can not take interior positive maximum in  $\Omega$ .

[HINT: If  $x_0 \in \Omega$  is point of maximum, then prove first that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{i,j}(x_0) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x_0) \leq 0$ ]

5. Let  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\overline{\Omega})$  be a solution of

$$\Delta u + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) + c(x)u(x) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

with  $c(x) < 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Show that  $u \equiv 0$ . [HINT: Use previous result with  $u$  and  $-u$ ]

6\* Let  $K(x, y)$  be the Poisson Kernel of  $-\Delta$  in  $B(0, 1)$ . Show that

(a)  $\int_{\partial B(0,1)} K(x, y) dy = 1,$

(b) If  $u(x) = \int_{\partial B(0,1)} K(x, y)g(y)dy$ , for some  $g \in C(\partial B(0, 1))$  and  $x \in B(0, 1)$ , then  $\Delta u = 0$  in  $B(0, 1)$ .

(c) If  $u$  is as above, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} u(x) = g(x_0)$  for all  $x_0 \in \partial B(0, 1)$ .

7\* Use Poisson formula for unit ball to show that

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