

# Laplace Equation

## Definitions

- [Laplace Equation]  $-\Delta u = 0$
- [Fundamental Solution] Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be an operator and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The fundamental solution  $E_y$  for  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $y$  is a distribution  $E_y \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}E_y = \delta_y$ .
- [Subharmonic]  $u$  is subharmonic in  $U$  if  $-\Delta u \leq 0$  in  $U$ 
  - Maximum principle holds
- [Superharmonic]  $u$  is superharmonic in  $U$  if  $-\Delta u \geq 0$  in  $U$ 
  - Minimum principle holds
- [Green's Function] Let  $U$  be a domain. Then  $G(x, y)$  is a Green's function on  $U$  if  $G(\cdot, y) \in \mathcal{D}'(U) \cap C^1(\bar{U} \setminus \{y\})$  and  $-\Delta G(\cdot, y) = \delta_y$  in  $U$  and  $G(\cdot, y) = 0$  on  $\partial U$ 
  - Green's function is unique
  - Smooth for  $x \in U \setminus \{y\}$  for each  $y \in U$
  - $G(\cdot, y)$  is smooth in  $U \setminus \{y\}$
  - [4.18]  $G(x, y) = G(y, x)$

## Properties

- [Translation Invariance]  $-\Delta(u(x - x_0)) = (-\Delta u)(x - x_0)$
- [Rotational Invariance] Given  $O^T O = \mathbb{I}_d$ , then  $-\Delta(u(Ox)) = (-\Delta u)(Ox)$
- [Homogeneity] For  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $-\Delta(u(\lambda x)) = \lambda^2(-\Delta u)(\lambda x)$
- $f(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int f(y) \phi_\epsilon(x - y) dy = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (f * \phi_\epsilon)(x)$

## Results

- [Fundamental Solution]  $E_0(r) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log r, & d = 2 \\ \frac{1}{d(d-2)\alpha(d)r^{d-2}}, & d \geq 3 \end{cases}$ 
  - $E_0(r)$  is locally integrable near 0 i.e. is a distribution
  - $-\Delta E_0 = \delta_0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$
- [Solution] A solution for  $-\Delta u = f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is  $u = f * E$
- [Uniqueness] If  $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $u = (-\Delta u) * E$  i.e.  $u$  can be recovered from the Laplacian by convolving with the fundamental solution
- [Regularity] If  $-\Delta u = 0$  and  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ , then  $u$  is smooth
- [Derivative Estimates] Let  $u$  be a harmonic function on  $U$ . Then, for any ball  $B_r(x)$  s.t.  $\overline{B_r(x)} \subset U$ , we have:  $|D^\alpha u(x)| \leq \frac{C_\alpha}{r^{d+|\alpha|}} \|u\|_{L^1(B_r(x_0))}$  for some constant  $C_\alpha$
- [Liouville] Let  $u$  be harmonic on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and bounded. Then  $u \equiv c$ .
- [4.8] Let  $f \in C(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be compactly supported.
  - If  $d \geq 3$ , then any bounded solution of  $-\Delta u = f$  has form  $u = E_0 * f + c$  for some constant  $c$
  - If  $d = 2$ , then any locally integrable solution of  $-\Delta u = f$  satisfying  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |Du(x)| < \infty$  has form  $u = E_0 * f + b^T x + c$
- [Mean Value Property] Let  $u$  be such that  $-\Delta u = 0$  in  $U$ ,  $\overline{B_r(x)} \subset U$ , then  $u(x) = \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} u(y) dy = \frac{1}{|\partial B_r(x)|} \int_{\partial B_r(x)} u(y) dS(y)$
- [Maximum Principle] Let  $U$  be a connected, open, bounded domain and  $u \in C(\bar{U})$  with  $\Delta u = 0$  in  $U$ . Then  $u$  admits maximum and minimum.
  - [Weak]  $\max_{\bar{U}} u = \max_{\partial U} u$
  - [Strong] If  $u(x_0) = \max_{\bar{U}} u$  for  $x_0 \in U$ , then  $u \equiv c$  for some constant  $c$

# Poisson Equation

## Definitions

- [Poisson]
  - $-\Delta u = f$  in  $U$
  - $u = g$  in  $\partial U$
- [Green's Function] Let  $U$  be a domain. The Green's function is  $G(x, y): U \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t. for all fixed  $y \in U$ 
  - $-\Delta G(\cdot, y) = \delta_y(\cdot) = \delta_0(\cdot - y)$
  - $G(\cdot, y) = 0$  on  $\partial U$
  - If  $f \in C_0^\infty(U)$ , then  $u(x) = \int_U G(x, y)f(y) dy$  solves  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $U$  and  $u = 0$  on  $\partial U$
  - (Physical Idea)
    - $G(\cdot, y)$  is the potential from a point charge at position  $y$
    - $f(y)$  is the charge at position  $y$
    - $u(x)$  is the sum of potential contributions from all point charges
  - Remark: in general,  $G$  may be solved in a larger domain. In that case, cut-off  $\bar{G} = G\mathbb{1}_U$

- [Properties of Green's Function]
  - $G(x, y) - E(x, y) = h(x, y)$  with  $h$  satisfying  $-\Delta_x h(x, y) = 0$
  - [Symmetric]  $G(x, y) = G(y, x)$
  - [Uniqueness]  $\exists$  at most one Green's function  $G(x, y)$
  - If exists  $G(x, y)$  on  $U$ , then  $u(x) = \int_U G(x, y)f(y) dy$  gives a solution to:
    - $-\Delta u = f$  in  $U$
    - $u = 0$  in  $\partial U$
- [Poisson Integral Formula] Let  $U$  be  $C^1$  domain and suppose exists  $G(x, y)$  on  $U$ . Then,  $\forall u \in C^2(U) \cap C(\bar{U})$ ,  $u(x) = \int_U (-\Delta u)(z)G(z, x) dz - \int_{\partial U} u(z)v(z) \cdot \nabla_z G(z, x) dS$ 
  - If  $-\Delta u = 0$ , then  $u(x) = - \int_{\partial U} u(z)v(z) \cdot \nabla_z G(z, x) dS$
  - [Poisson Kernel]  $K: \partial U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $K(x, y) := v(y) \cdot \nabla_y G(x, y)$

## Method of Images

- Typically, the form of  $G(x, y)$  is:  $G(x, y) = E(y - x) + \sum q_i E(y - \bar{x}_i)$  for  $x_i \notin U$
- [Half-Plane]  $G(x, y) = E(y - x) - E(y - \bar{x})$
- [Unit Ball]  $G(x, y) = E(y - x) - E(|x|(y - \bar{x}))$

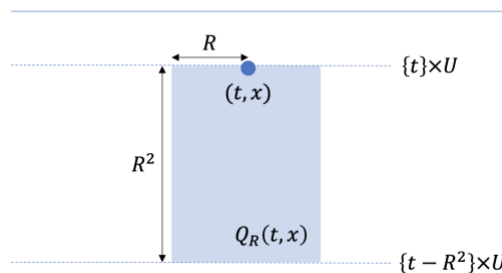
# Complex Analysis

Definitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[Holomorphic] <math>f</math> is holomorphic in <math>U</math> if <math>(\partial_x + i\partial_y)f = 0</math> in <math>U</math> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>f</math> is a smooth solution to the Cauchy-Riemann equations</li> </ul> </li> <li>[Cauchy-Riemann Operator] <math>\partial_x + i\partial_y</math></li> <li>[Cauchy-Riemann Equations] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>f_y = if_x</math></li> <li><math>(\partial_x + i\partial_y)f = 0</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Theorems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[4.25] If <math>f \in \mathcal{D}'(U)</math> is a solution to <math>(\partial_x + i\partial_y)f = 0</math> in <math>U</math>, then <math>f</math> is smooth in <math>U</math></li> <li>[Morera] Let <math>f</math> be a continuous function on <math>U</math> s.t. <math>\forall \Omega</math> bounded domain, <math>\Omega \subset U</math>, <math>\partial\Omega</math> triangle, <math>\int_{\partial\Omega} f dz = 0</math>. Then <math>f</math> is holomorphic in <math>U</math></li> <li>Let <math>f</math> be a continuous, complex-valued function on open set <math>U</math> satisfying <math>\oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0 \forall \gamma</math> closed, piecewise <math>C^1</math>. Then <math>f</math> must be holomorphic.</li> <li>[4.27] Let <math>\Omega</math>. Then <math>\int h(z)(\partial_x + i\partial_y)1_{\Omega} dz = i \int_{\partial\Omega} h(z) dz</math></li> <li>[Cauchy Integral Formula] Let <math>f</math> be holomorphic in <math>U</math>. Then, for every bounded piecewise <math>C^1</math> domain <math>\Omega</math> and <math>z_0 \in \Omega</math>, <math>f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Omega} \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0} dz</math></li> <li>[4.30] Let <math>f</math> be a continuous function on domain <math>U</math>. The following are equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>f</math> is complex-differentiable</li> <li><math>f</math> is a solution to the Cauchy-Riemann equation i.e. <math>f</math> is holomorphic</li> <li><math>f</math> is complex-analytic i.e. at every point <math>z_0 \in U</math>, <math>\exists r &gt; 0</math> and coefficients <math>c_j</math> s.t. <math>f(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i(z-z_0)^i</math> for <math> z-z_0  &lt; r</math></li> </ul> </li> <li>[Schwartz Reflection Principle]</li> </ul>
Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[Fundamental Solution] <math>E_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{z}</math> is a fundamental solution for <math>\partial_x + i\partial_y</math>.</li> <li>If <math>f = u + iv</math> solves the Cauchy-Riemann equations, then <math>u, v</math> harmonic.</li> </ul>

# Heat Equation

## Definitions

- [Heat Equation]  $(-\partial_t + \Delta)u = f$
- [Initial Value Problem]
  - $(-\partial_t + \Delta)u = f$  in  $(0, \infty)_t \times \mathbb{R}_x^d$
  - $u = g$  on  $\{t = 0\} \times \mathbb{R}_x^d$
- [Initial Boundary Value Problem]
  - $(-\partial_t + \Delta)u = f$  in  $(0, \infty)_t \times U$
  - $u = g$  on  $\{t = 0\} \times U$
  - $u = h$  on  $(0, \infty)_t \times \partial U$
- [Forward (Support) Condition]  $E = 0$  in  $(-\infty, 0)_t \times \mathbb{R}^d$
- [Forward Fundamental Solution]  $E_+$  is the forward fundamental solution if it satisfies:
  - $(-\partial_t + \Delta)E_+ = \delta_0^d(t - a)$
  - $E_+ = 0$  on  $\{t < a\} \times \mathbb{R}_x^d$
  - $E_+(t, x) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{\|x\|^2}{4t}} \mathbb{1}_{(a, \infty)}(t)$
- [Duhamel's Principle]
- [Heat Ball] Denote  $Q_R(t, x) := (t - R^2, t) \times B_R(x)$  with  $\overline{Q_R(t, x)} \subset U$  the heat ball of radius  $R$  centered at  $(t, x)$ .



- [Ancient Solution]  $u$  is an ancient solution to heat equation if  $(-\partial_t + \Delta)u = 0$  in  $(-\infty, a) \times \mathbb{R}^d$
- [Gaussian Growth Condition]
  - Let  $g \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then  $g$  satisfies the Gaussian Growth Condition if  $\forall A > 0$ ,  $\langle g, \left(\chi_{>1}\left(\frac{x}{R'}\right) - \chi_{>1}\left(\frac{x}{R}\right)\right) e^{-A|x|^2} \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $R, R' \rightarrow \infty$
  - Let  $f \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $f$  satisfies the Gaussian growth condition in space if  $\forall \eta \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}_t)$  and  $A > 0$ ,  $\langle f, \eta(t) \left(\chi_{>1}\left(\frac{x}{R'}\right) - \chi_{>1}\left(\frac{x}{R}\right)\right) e^{-A|x|^2} \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $R, R' \rightarrow \infty$

## Properties

- [Properties of  $-\partial_t + \Delta$ ]
  - [Rotation]  $(\partial_t - \Delta)(u(t, 0x)) = ((\partial_t - \Delta)u)(t, 0x)$
  - [Homogeneity]  $(\partial_t - \Delta)\left(u\left(\frac{t}{\lambda^2}, \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}((\partial_t - \Delta)(u))\left(\frac{t}{\lambda^2}, \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)$ 
    - $[t] = [x]^2$
  - [Linearity]  $(\mu u)(t, x) = \mu(u(t, x))$
  - [Conservation of Mass]  $(\partial_t - \Delta)u = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_t \int u(t, x) dx$
- [Properties of Heat Kernel]
  - [Infinite Speed of Propagation]  $\text{supp } E_+(t, \cdot) = \mathbb{R}^d$  for  $t > 0$
  - [Smooth]  $E_+$  is smooth except at  $(t, x) = (0, 0)$

## Results

- [Solution Formula] Let  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{1+d})$ , then for the heat equation  $(\partial_t - \Delta)u = f$ , a forward solution is  $u(t, x) := (E_+ * f)(t, x) = \iint_{-\infty}^{t-a} \frac{1}{(4\pi(t-s))^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4(t-s)}} \mathbb{1}_{(a, \infty)}(t-s) f(s, y) \, ds \, dy$
- [Solution Formula IVP] Let  $f \in \mathcal{D}'_0(\mathbb{R}^{1+d})$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{D}'_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$   

$$u(t, x) = \int_a^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{(4\pi(t-s))^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4(t-s)}} f(s, y) \, dy \, ds + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{(4\pi(t-a))^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4(t-a)}} g(y) \, dy$$
- [Representation Formula] Let  $u \in \mathcal{D}'_0(\mathbb{R}^{1+d})$ , can recover via  $u = E_+ * ((\partial_t - \Delta)u)$
- [Smoothness] Let  $u$  be a solution to  $(-\partial_t + \Delta)u = 0$  in  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{1+d}$  open, then  $u$  is smooth.
- [Derivative Bounds] Let  $(-\partial_t + \Delta)u = 0$  in  $U$ . Then, for  $(t, x) \in U$  with  $\overline{Q_R(t, x)} \subset U$ ,  

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_t^k u(t, x)| \leq C_{\alpha, k} R^{-|\alpha| - 2k} \sup_{(s, y) \in Q_R(t, x)} |u(s, y)|$$
- [Mean Value Property] Let  $(-\partial_t + \Delta)u = 0$  in  $U$ . Let  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+d}$ . Define  $\xi_r(t, x) = \{(s, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+d} : s \leq t, E_+(t-s, x-y) \geq \frac{1}{r^d}\}$ . Then  $u(t, x) = \frac{1}{4r^d} \iint_{\xi_r(t, x)} u(s, y) \frac{\|x-y\|^2}{(t-s)^2} \, ds \, dy$

### Theorems

- [Liouville] If  $u$  is a bounded ancient solution, then  $u$  must be constant.
- [Coarea] Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Lipschitz continuous and assume for  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ , the level set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) = \rho\}$  is smooth,  $(d-1)$ -dimensional hypersurface in  $d$ . Assume  $u: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous, integrable. Then  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u |Df| \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\{f=\rho\}} u \, d\sigma \, d\rho$

# Wave Equation

## Definitions

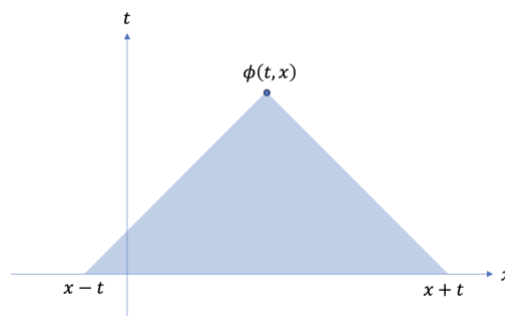
- [Wave Equation]  $\phi: \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_x^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 
  - $\square\phi = (-\partial_t^2 + \Delta)\phi = f$  in  $(0, \infty)_t \times \mathbb{R}_x^d$
  - $\phi = g$  on  $\{t = 0\} \times \mathbb{R}_x^d$
  - $\partial_t\phi = h$  on  $\{t = 0\} \times \mathbb{R}_x^d$
- [Null Coordinates]
  - $u = t - r$
  - $v = t + r$
  - $\square = -4\partial_u\partial_v$
  - $\partial_t = \partial_u + \partial_v$
  - $\partial_x = -\partial_u + \partial_v$
- [Forward Fundamental Solution]  $E_+$  is a forward fundamental solution if  $E_+$  satisfies:
  - $\square E_+ = \delta_0$
  - $\text{supp } E_+ \subset \{(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+d} : t \geq 0\}$
- [Finite Speed of Propagation]  $\text{supp } E_+ \cap \{t \in I\}$  is compact for bounded interval  $I$

## Results

- [Fundamental Solution]
  - $E_0(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2}(H(t - x) + c_1)(H(t + x) + c_2)$
- [Forward Fundamental Solution in  $\mathbb{R}^{1+1}$ ]  $\text{supp } E_+ \subset \{t \geq 0\}$ 
  - $E_+(t, x) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(t - x)\mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}(t + x) = \frac{1}{2}H(t - x)H(t + x)$  (i.e.  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ )
- [Forward Fundamental Solution in  $\mathbb{R}^{1+d}$ ]
  - $E_+(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2\pi^{\frac{d-1}{2}}}\mathbb{1}_{(0, \infty)}\chi_+^{\frac{d-1}{2}}(t^2 - \|x\|^2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{1+d} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$

## Properties

- [Properties of Forward Fundamental Solution]
  - Finite speed of propagation:  $\text{supp}_x E_+(t, \cdot) \subset [-t, t]$  for  $t \geq 0$ 
    - Disturbance at  $x = 0$  at  $t = 0$  can reach at most  $|x| \leq t'$  at time  $t'$
  - Propagation of singularity
- [Symmetries of  $\square$ ]
  - [Lorentz Transformation]
    - A Lorentz transformation  $L: \mathbb{R}^{1+d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{1+d}$  is a linear transformation that keeps  $s^2(t, x) := t^2 - \|x\|^2$  invariant i.e.  $s^2(t, x) = s^2(L(t, x))$
    - $\square(\phi \circ L) = (\square\phi) \circ L$
    - Generated by rotations, reflections and  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  Lorentz boosts
  - [Scaling]  $\square\left(\phi\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}, \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}(\square\phi)\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}, \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)$  for  $\lambda > 0$
- [7.8 Finite Speed of Propagation]
- [Strong Huygens] Let  $d \geq 3$  be odd. Let  $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{1+d})$  be a solution to  $\square\phi = f$  with initial data  $(g, h)$ . If  $f(s, y) = 0$  for  $\{(s, y) : 0 < s < t, \|y - x\| = t - s\}$  And  $g(y) = h(y) = 0$  for  $y \in \partial B_t(x)$ , then  $\phi(t, x) = 0$



## Homogeneity

- [Homogeneous of Degree  $a$ ] A smooth function  $h$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$  is homogeneous of degree  $a$  if  $h(\lambda x) = \lambda^a h(x)$  for  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$
- [Homogeneous of Degree  $a$ ] Let  $h \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^{1+d})$ . Then  $h$  is homogeneous of degree  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  if for every test function  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{1+d})$  and  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda^{-d} \langle h, \phi(\lambda^{-1} \cdot) \rangle = \lambda^a \langle h, \phi \rangle$ 
  - Denote  $h_\lambda$  by the distribution that satisfies  $\langle h_\lambda, \phi \rangle = \lambda^{-d} \langle h, \phi(\lambda^{-1} \cdot) \rangle$ .
- The delta distribution  $\delta_0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is homogeneous of degree  $-d$
- Let  $h$  be homogeneous of degree  $a$ , then  $D^\alpha h$  is homogeneous of degree  $a - |\alpha|$
- [Euler's Identity] Let  $h$  be homogeneous of degree  $a$ , then  $\lambda \frac{d}{d\lambda} \langle h_\lambda, \phi \rangle = a \langle h_\lambda, \phi \rangle$
- [6.7 Classification] Let  $h \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$  be a homogeneous distribution of degree  $a$ , then:
  - $h$  agrees with a smooth homogeneous function of degree  $a$  on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .
  - If  $a \geq 0$ ,  $h$  is uniquely determined by  $h(1)$  and  $h(-1)$
  - If  $a = -k$  integer, then any two homogeneous distributions  $h, \bar{h}$  of degree  $-k$  with  $h(1) = \bar{h}(1)$ ,  $h(-1) = \bar{h}(-1)$  differ by a multiple of  $\delta_0^{(k-1)}$
- [6.11 Classification] Let  $h \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$  be a homogeneous distribution of degree  $a$ , then
  - If  $a \notin \{-1, -2, \dots\}$ ,  $h = c_+(x_+)^a + c_-(x_-)^a$  for some  $c_+, c_- \in \mathbb{R}$

## Theorems

- [d'Alembert] Let  $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^{1+1})$  and  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{1+1}$ :
  - $\phi(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \int_{x-t+s}^{x+t-s} (\square \phi)(s, y) dy ds + \frac{1}{2} (\phi(0, x-t) + \phi(0, x+t)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \partial_t \phi(0, y) dy$
  - $\phi(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \int_{x-t+s}^{x+t-s} f(s, y) dy ds + \frac{1}{2} (g(x-t) + g(x+t)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} h(y) dy$
- [Solution Formula] Given  $E_+, g, h \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{1+d})$ , exists unique  $\phi$  to the initial value problem:  $\phi = -E_+ * (h\delta_0(t)) - \partial_t (E_+ * (g\delta_0(t))) + E_+ * (f\mathbb{1}_{(0,\infty)}(t))$
- [Representation Formula]
  - $\phi = - (E_+ * \partial_t \phi|_{\{t=0\}} \delta_0(t)) - \partial_t (E_+ * \phi|_{\{t=0\}} \delta_0(t)) + (E_+ * (\square \phi \mathbb{1}_{(0,\infty)}(t)))$
- [Uniqueness] The forward fundamental solution  $E_+$  is unique.
- [Poisson  $\mathbb{R}^{1+2}$ ] Let  $\phi$  be a solution to equation  $\square \phi = f$  with  $\phi, f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{1+2})$ . Then:
  - $\phi(t, x) = \partial_t \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{B_t(x)} \frac{g(y)}{\sqrt{t^2 - \|x-y\|^2}} dy \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{B_t(x)} \frac{h(y)}{\sqrt{t^2 - \|x-y\|^2}} dy - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^t \int_{B_s(x)} \frac{f(s, y)}{\sqrt{(t-s)^2 - \|x-y\|^2}} dy ds$
- [Kirchhoff  $\mathbb{R}^{1+3}$ ] Let  $\phi$  be a solution to equation  $\square \phi = f$  with  $\phi, f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{1+3})$ . Then:
  - $\phi(t, x) = \partial_t \left( \frac{1}{2\pi t} \int_{\partial B_t(x)} g(y) dy \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi t} \int_{\partial B_t(x)} h(y) dy - \frac{1}{2\pi t} \int_0^t \int_{\partial B_{t-s}(x)} f(s, y) dy ds$
- [ $\mathbb{R}^{1+(2k+1)}$ ]
- [Method of Descent  $\mathbb{R}^{1+2k}$ ]

# Distribution Theory

## Definitions

- [Homogeneous Function of Degree  $\alpha$ ] A function  $h: \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is homogeneous of degree  $\alpha$  if  $h(\lambda x) = \lambda^\alpha h(x) \forall x \neq 0, \lambda > 0$
- [Homogeneous Distribution of Degree  $\alpha$ ]

## Lemmas

- Let  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  with  $\int \chi = 1$ . Then,  $\delta_0(t, x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \chi\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon}, \frac{x}{\epsilon}\right)$ .
- [7.3] Let  $f$  be a distribution with  $\text{supp } f \subset \{t \in [L, \infty)\}$  for some  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $E_+ * f$  is well-defined.
  - $(E_+ * f)(t, x) = \iint \mathbb{1}_{(0, t-L)}(t-s) E_+(t-s, x-y) f(s, y) \, ds \, dy$



**Exam**

## Checks

- [Jacobian]  $J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$
- [Change of Variables]  $\int f(u, v) \, du \, dv = \int f(t, x) |\det J| \, dt \, dx$
- Check that you transformed the PDEs correctly – don't miss some terms. Transform the constraints / initial conditions too.