

1. Let $U = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x| > 1\}$ be the exterior of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n for $n \geq 2$. Show that there are infinitely many solutions to the problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } U \\ u = 1 & \text{on } \partial U. \end{cases}$$

Hint: Find an infinite family of solutions! You will need to handle the cases $n = 2$ and $n \geq 3$ separately.

2. Let U be the wedge $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 > x_2, x_2 > 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Find the Green's function $G(x, y)$ in terms of the fundamental solution Φ .

Hint: Start building your corrector by cancelling the boundary values of Φ on the half-line $x_1 > 0, x_2 = 0$. Add the required term to your corrector and check the boundary values of the resulting function on the half-line $x_1 > 0, x_2 = x_1$. Cancel these values. Repeat this process, alternating sections of the boundary, until you've eliminated the boundary values everywhere.

3. Suppose $f \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R})$. Following the proof of Theorem 1 in Evans, prove that

$$u(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(x-y)f(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(y)f(x-y) dy$$

solves $-u_{xx} = f$ in \mathbb{R} , where $\Phi(x) = -\frac{1}{2}|x|$ is the fundamental solution.

4. Let U be the unit interval $(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$. Recall that the Green's function is given by

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x + y - |y - x|) - xy.$$

Use this to find an explicit solution the problem

$$\begin{cases} -u_{xx} = 1 & \text{in } U \\ u(0) = 1 \\ u(1) = 1. \end{cases}$$

5. Again, let U be the unit interval $(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$. Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} -u_{xx} + u = 1 & \text{in } U \\ u(0) = 1 \\ u(1) = 1. \end{cases}$$

- Find the fundamental solution $\Phi(x)$ in \mathbb{R} , being careful to select the proper constants of integration.
- Find the Green's function $G(x, y)$ in U .
- Use the Green's function to find an explicit solution.