

Note

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For the Poisson equation

$$-\Delta u = f,$$

where $f \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, consider Fourier transform of $f(x)$ and its inverse

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}(k) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-ik \cdot x} f(x) dx, \\ f(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} e^{ik \cdot x} \hat{f}(k) dk.\end{aligned}$$

Since the eigenfunctions of Δ is $e^{ik \cdot x}$ with

$$\Delta e^{ik \cdot x} = -|k|^2 e^{ik \cdot x},$$

we then have

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{e^{ik \cdot x}}{|k|^2} \hat{f}(k) dk \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{e^{ik \cdot x}}{|k|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-ik \cdot y} f(y) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} f(y) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{e^{ik \cdot (x-y)}}{|k|^2} dk dy.\end{aligned}$$

For $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{e^{ik \cdot x}}{|k|^2} dk$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{e^{ik \cdot x}}{|k|^2} dk &= \int_0^\infty \int_{\partial B(0,1)} e^{ir\omega \cdot x} \frac{1}{r^2} r^{n-1} d\Omega dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty r^{n-3} \int_{\partial B(0,1)} e^{ir\omega \cdot x} d\Omega dr.\end{aligned}$$

By Fourier–Bessel integral, we have

$$\int_{\partial B(0,r)} e^{ir\omega \cdot x} d\Omega = (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} (r|x|)^{1-\frac{n}{2}} J_{\frac{n}{2}-1}(r|x|).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{e^{ik \cdot x}}{|k|^2} dk &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} r^{n-3} (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} (r|x|)^{1-\frac{n}{2}} J_{\frac{n}{2}-1}(r|x|) dr \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} r^{\frac{n}{2}-2} |x|^{1-\frac{n}{2}} J_{\frac{n}{2}-1}(r|x|) dr \\
&= 2^{n-2} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}}
\end{aligned}$$

Finally we have

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) \frac{1}{4(\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-2}} dy \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) \frac{1}{(n-2)\omega(n)} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-2}} dy \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) \phi(x-y) dy,
\end{aligned}$$

which aligns with the representation formula.