

Four kinds of PDEs.

(1) Transport Equations

Consider $u(\vec{x}, t) : \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\text{Solve: } u_t + \vec{b} \cdot D_x u = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$ Define: $z(s) = u(\vec{x} + s\vec{b}, t+s)$. Then

$$z'(s) = u_t + \vec{b} \cdot D_x u = 0, \quad z(s) \geq 0, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

It means $u \equiv 0$ on the direction $(\vec{b}, 1)$.

① Initial value Problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \vec{b} \cdot D_x u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g(x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

Then by the discussion before:

$$u(\vec{x}, t) = u(\vec{x} + s\vec{b}, t+s) = u(\vec{x} - t\vec{b}, 0) = g(\vec{x} - t\vec{b})$$

② Nonhomogeneous:

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \vec{b} \cdot D_x u = f(\vec{x}, t), & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u(\vec{x}, 0) = g(\vec{x}), & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } z'(s) = f(\vec{x} + s\vec{b}, t+s)$$

$$\therefore \int_{-t}^0 z'(s) ds = u(\vec{x}, t) - g(\vec{x} - t\vec{b}) = \int_0^t f(\vec{x} + (s-t)\vec{b}, s) ds.$$

$$\therefore u(\vec{x}, t) = g(\vec{x} - t\vec{b}) + \int_0^t f(\vec{x} + (s-t)\vec{b}, s) ds.$$

(2) Laplace's Equation:

For $u: \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

Laplace's equation: $\Delta u = 0$

Poisson's equation: $-\Delta u = f$

Physical interpretation:

u denotes the density of some quantity in equilibrium. Then $\forall V \subseteq U$, the net flux of u through ∂V is zero, i.e.

$$\int_{\partial V} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nu} \, dS = 0. \quad \vec{F} \text{ is flux density, which is}$$

proportional to $-\Delta u$. $\vec{F} = -\nabla u$

Then by $\int_V \operatorname{Div}(\vec{F}) \, dX = 0$, $\operatorname{Div}(\vec{F}) = 0 \therefore \Delta u = 0$.

① Fundamental Solution:

Lemma. Laplace's Equation is invariant under

rotations, i.e. $\Delta u \equiv 0 \Rightarrow V = u(O\vec{x})$, $\Delta V \equiv 0$

where O is orthogonal matrix.

Pf: $O = (o_1 \dots o_n)$, then $O_i^T O_j = \delta_{ij}$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{k,j} O_{ki} O_{kj} u_{kj}. \therefore \Delta u(O\vec{x}) \equiv 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$ Firstly, search for radial solution:

$$u(O\vec{x}) = V(r), \quad r = |\vec{x}| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\text{Then } \Delta u \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow V'' + \frac{n-1}{r} V' = 0.$$

$$\therefore V(r) = \begin{cases} b \log r + c, & n=2. \\ b/r^{n-2} + c, & n \geq 3 \end{cases} \quad b, c \in \text{Const.}$$

Def: $\phi(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2n} \log |\vec{x}|, & n=2. \\ \frac{1}{n(n-2)} |\vec{x}|^{2-n}, & n \geq 3 \end{cases} \quad \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}.$

is the fundamental solution of Laplace equation.

Remark: i) $|D\phi| \leq \frac{C}{|\vec{x}|^{n-1}}, \quad |D^2\phi| \leq \frac{C}{|\vec{x}|^n}$

ii) The constant is chosen for normalization:

Note that $\Delta\phi(\vec{x}-\vec{\eta}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \vec{x} \neq \vec{\eta} \\ \infty, & \vec{x} = \vec{\eta} \end{cases}$ Besides,

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta\phi(\vec{x}-\vec{\eta}) d\vec{x} = -\int_{B(0,1)} \Delta\phi(\vec{x}) d\vec{x} = -\int_{\partial B(0,1)} D\phi \cdot \vec{\nu} d\vec{x}$$

$$\vec{\nu} = \vec{x}/|\vec{x}|, \quad \therefore -\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta\phi(\vec{x}-\vec{\eta}) d\vec{x} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\phi(\vec{x}-\vec{\eta}) = -\delta_{\vec{\eta}}. \text{ Dirac measure at } \vec{\eta}.$$

② Poisson Equation:

Knowing that $\Delta\phi$ is Dirac measure, we can construct solution for Poisson Equation.

For $f \in C_c^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $u = \phi * f$ is the solution

Thm: i) $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$

ii) $-\Delta u = f$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

pf: i) check: $\frac{u(\vec{x}+h\vec{e}_1) - u(\vec{x})}{h}$ by supp is opt.

$$\frac{f(\vec{x}-\vec{\eta}+h\vec{e}_1) - f(\vec{x}-\vec{\eta})}{h} \rightarrow f_{x_1}(\vec{x}-\vec{\eta}), \text{ uniform with } \vec{x}-\vec{\eta}.$$

ii) keep in mind:
$$\begin{cases} \int_{B(0,1)} \frac{\lambda^2}{|x|^n} & n \geq N-1, \text{ diverges.} \\ \int_{B(0,1)} \frac{\lambda^2}{|x|^n} & n > N-1, \text{ converges.} \end{cases}$$

For $\Delta u = \int \phi(\eta) \Delta x f(x-\eta) d\eta$. separate into 2 parts

$$\Delta u = \int_{B(0,1)} + \int_{B(0,1)^c} \triangleq I_1 + J_1. \quad (\text{Exclude the pole } 0 \text{ of } \phi)$$

1) $|I_1| \leq \|\Delta f\|_{\infty} \int_{B(0,1)} |\phi(\eta)| d\eta \leq \begin{cases} C \varepsilon^{-\log \varepsilon}, & n=2. \\ C \varepsilon^2, & n \geq 3 \end{cases}$

2) For J_1 , apply Green formula:

We want to use $\Delta \phi \equiv 0$. So convert the differentiation.

(3) Harmonic Functions:

i) Mean Value Formula:

Thm. $u \in C^2(U)$. $\Delta u \equiv 0$. Then for $\forall B(x,r) \subseteq U$

$$u(x) = \int_{\partial B(x,r)} u d\vec{\eta} = \int_{\partial B(x,r)} u dS.$$

Pf: Define $\phi(r) = \int_{\partial B(x,r)} u dS$. Prove: $\phi'(r) = 0$.

$$1) \phi(r) = \frac{1}{r^{N-1} \alpha(n)} \int_{\partial B(x,r)} u(\eta) dS(\eta).$$

$$\eta = x + rZ, \quad Z \in \partial B(0,1).$$

$$\text{Since } dS(\eta) = \sqrt{1 + |D\eta|^2} d\eta_1 \dots d\eta_m$$

$$= r^{N-1} \sqrt{1 + |DZ|^2} dZ_1 \dots dZ_m$$

$$= r^{N-1} dS(Z).$$

$$\therefore \phi(r) = \int_{\partial B(0,1)} u(x + rZ) dS(Z).$$

Apply Green Formula. assert: $\phi'(r) = 0$

$$2') \quad \phi(r) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \phi(t) = u(x)$$

$$3') \quad \int_{B(x,r)} u(\eta) d\eta = \int_0^r \left(\int_{\partial B(x,s)} u(\eta) dS_\eta \right) ds.$$

Thm. (Converse)

For $u \in C(\bar{U})$, satisfies $\int_{\partial B(x,r)} u(\eta) dS_\eta = u(x)$.

Then $\Delta u \equiv 0$.

Pf: $\phi'(r) = \frac{r}{n} \int_{\partial B(x,r)} \Delta u(\eta) d\eta$ from above.

ii) Strong Maximal Principles:

Thm. If $u \in C^2(U) \cap C(\bar{U})$, $\Delta u \equiv 0$ in U .

Then, $\max_{\bar{U}} u = \max_{\partial U} u$. Moreover, if U

is connected, exist $x_0 \in U$, attain the maximal, then $u \equiv \text{const.}$ in U .

Pf: Apply Mean Value prop. $\{u \equiv m\}$ is clopen.

$\therefore$ In every component (connected), u is const.

(If $\exists x_0 \in U$, attain the maximum)

Remark: Let $u = -u$. We obtain the minimum case.

$\therefore$ Harmonic Func attain extremum at boundary.

$u \in C(\bar{U})$ guarantees $u \equiv \text{const.}$ in U then

$u \equiv \text{const}$ on $\bar{U}$.

Cor. For $g \in C(\partial U)$, $f \in C(U)$. There exists at most one solution $u \in C^2(U) \cap C(\bar{U})$ of:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } U \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial U \end{cases} \quad \text{boundary-value problem.}$$

iii) Regularity:

Thm. If $u \in C(U)$, satisfies mean-value property. Then $u \in C^\infty(U)$

pf: $(\eta_\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon>0}$ is set of mollifiers.

Consider $u^\varepsilon = \eta_\varepsilon * u$ in $U_\varepsilon = \{ \text{dist}(x, \partial U) > \varepsilon \}$.

Check $u^\varepsilon \equiv u$ in U_ε (since $\text{supp } \eta_\varepsilon = \overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}$) $\forall \varepsilon > 0$.

Remark: $C(U) + \text{mean-value prop} \Rightarrow \text{Harmonic}$ $\begin{cases} u \in C^2(U) \\ \Delta u = 0 \text{ in } U \end{cases}$
(or $L^1_{loc}(U)$)

iv) Local Estimation:

Thm. (Estimate on derivatives)

u is harmonic in U . Then $|\partial^\alpha u(x)| \leq \frac{C_\alpha}{r^{n+k}} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x_0, r))}$

for $\forall B(x_0, r) \subset U$, $\forall \alpha$, $|\alpha| = k \geq 0$.

where $C_0 = 1/q_n$, $C_k = (2^{n+k} n^k) / q_n$

pf: $k=0$ is from mean-value.

$k=1$: Consider $u(x)$ by $\int_{B(x, \frac{r}{2})} u(y) dy$:

$$|u_{x_i}(x)| \leq \frac{n}{r} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x, \frac{r}{2}))}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

for $\forall x \in \partial B(x, \frac{r}{2}) \subset B(x, r)$.

$$|u(x)| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha(n) \left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^n} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x, \frac{r}{2}))} \leq \frac{2^n}{\alpha(n) r^n} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x, r))}$$

$$\therefore \|u\|_{L^\infty(B(x_0, r))} \leq \frac{2^n}{\alpha(n) r^n} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x_0, r))}$$



$$\therefore |Du| \leq \frac{2^{n+1} n}{\alpha(n)} \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x_0, r))}, \quad |x| = 1.$$

$k \geq 2$: By induction. Consider $x \in \partial B(x_0, \frac{r}{k})$. $B(x, \frac{k}{k-1} r) \subseteq B(x_0, r)$.

Cor. (Liouville Thm)

$u: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Harmonic, bounded. Then $u \equiv \text{const.}$

Pf: $|Du(x)| \leq \frac{J_n C_1}{r^{n+1}} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x, r))} \leq \frac{J_n C_1 \alpha(n)}{r} \|u\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$

As $r \rightarrow \infty$. ($|Du| \leq J_n \max_{|x|=r} |D_x u|$)

Thm (Representation Formula)

$f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$, $N \geq 3$. Then any bounded solution

of $- \Delta u = f$ in $\mathbb{R}^N$ has form:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \phi(x-y) f(y) dy + C = u(x), \quad C \text{ is const.}$$

Remark: $N=2$. $\phi = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log|x| \rightarrow \infty$ ($|x| \rightarrow \infty$)

So may be $\phi \neq f$. (Not exist).

V) Analyticity:

Thm: u is Harmonic in U . Then u is analytic in U .

Pf. Fix $x_0 \in U$. Assume $r = \text{dist}(x_0, \partial U) / 4$.

$$u = \frac{1}{\alpha(n) r^n} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x_0, r))}$$



$$\forall x \in B(x_0, r), \quad B(x, r) \subseteq B(x_0, 2r)$$

For the convergence of Taylor series:

estimate the remainder term: $R_N(x) = \sum_{|I|=N} \frac{D^I u(x_0 + t(x-x_0)) (x-x_0)^I}{\alpha!}$

where $0 \leq t \leq 1$, depend on x .

$\Rightarrow$ Estimate: $\|D^I u\|_{L^1(B(x_0, r))} \leq M \left(\frac{2^{n|I|} r^{|I|}}{r} \right)^{1/2}$

Since $\forall x \in B(x_0, r)$, $|D^I u(x)| \leq \frac{C_{21}}{(2r)^{n|I|/2}} \|u\|_{L^1(B(x_0, 2r))}$, locally.

$\Rightarrow$ Estimate $|x|^{1/2}$:

We prefer find λ , st. $\lambda^{1/2} \alpha! \geq |x|^{1/2}$, λ fixed.

1°) $e^\lambda \geq \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad \therefore |x|^{1/2} \leq e^{1/2} |x|!$

2°) $n^{1/2} = (1+1+\dots+1)^{1/2} = \sum_{|I|=1/2} \frac{|x|!}{\beta!} \geq \frac{|x|!}{\alpha!}$

$\Rightarrow |x|^{1/2} \leq (ne)^{1/2} \alpha!$ Choose: $|x-x_0| \leq \frac{r}{2^{n/2} n^{3/2} e}$.

3°) Note that $\sum_{|I|=N} 1 \leq \sum_{|I|=N} \frac{1+1!}{\alpha!} = (1+1+1+\dots+1)^{1/2}$
 $= n^{1/2} = n^N$. Let $N \rightarrow \infty$, $n^N \rightarrow 0$.

vi) Harnack Inequality:

Denote: $V \subset \bar{V} \subset U$, by $V \subset U$, $(\bar{V} \neq \emptyset)$

Thm. $V \subset U$, connected open. Then $\exists C$ depends

on V , st. $\sup_V u \leq C \inf_V u$, for every

$u \geq 0$, harmonic, on U . $C > 0$.

Pf: 1°) By mean value, consider $B(x, 2r)$

$\forall \eta \in B(x, r)$, $B(\eta, r) \subset B(x, 2r)$.

Check: $2^n u(\eta) \geq u(x) \geq \frac{1}{2^n} u(\eta)$

2°) Cover $\bar{V}$ by $(B_k)_1$, $r(B_k) < r$.

④ Green's Function:

• Suppose $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. open. bounded. ∂U is C^1 .

We want to express solution of
$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } U \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial U. \end{cases}$$

i) Derivation:

For $u \in C^2(\bar{U})$. Fix $x \in U$. $B(x, \varepsilon) \subset U$. choose $\varepsilon > 0$.

Denote $V_\varepsilon = U - B(x, \varepsilon) \rightarrow U$ ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$). $\partial V_\varepsilon = \partial U + \partial B(x, \varepsilon)$.

$$\therefore \int_{V_\varepsilon} u(\eta) \Delta \phi(\eta-x) - \Delta u(\eta) \phi(\eta-x) d\eta =$$

$$\int_{\partial V_\varepsilon} u(\eta) \frac{\partial \phi(\eta-x)}{\partial \nu} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \phi(\eta-x) dS(\eta) \quad (\Delta \phi(\eta-x) = 0, \eta \neq x).$$

$$1) \int_{\partial B(x, \varepsilon)} u(\eta) \frac{\partial \phi(\eta-x)}{\partial \nu} dS(\eta) = \int_{\partial B(x, \varepsilon)} u(\eta) dS \rightarrow u(x)$$

$$2) \left| \int_{\partial B(x, \varepsilon)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \phi(\eta-x) dS(\eta) \right| \leq \begin{cases} C\varepsilon \\ C\varepsilon^{n-1} \log \varepsilon \end{cases} \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\therefore u(x) = \int_{\partial U} \phi(\eta-x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(\eta) - u(\eta) \frac{\partial \phi(\eta-x)}{\partial \nu} dS(\eta) - \int_U \phi(\eta-x) \Delta u(\eta) d\eta.$$

Remark: We can express $u(x)$. if we know:

the value: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \cdot u$ on ∂U . Δu in U

$\Rightarrow$ Find a corrector function $\phi^*(\eta)$. avoid us to use " $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}$ on ∂U ". which satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta \phi^*(\eta) = 0 & \text{in } U \\ \phi^*(\eta) = \phi(\eta-x) & \text{on } \partial U \end{cases}$$

Def: Green Function $G(x, \eta) = \phi(\eta-x) - \phi^*(\eta)$. $\eta \neq x$.

Remark: $\int \Delta h = -\delta x$ in U
 $h = 0$ on ∂U

Thm. The $C^2(\bar{U})$ solution $u(x) =$
 $-\int_{\partial U} g(\eta) \frac{\partial h}{\partial \nu} \lambda S(\eta) + \int_U f(\eta) h \lambda \eta.$

pf: Check by Green Formula.

prop. (Symmetry)

$$\forall x, \eta \in U, x \neq \eta, h(x, \eta) = h(\eta, x)$$

pf: $v(z) = h(x, z), u(z) = h(\eta, z).$

$$V_\varepsilon = U - B(x, \varepsilon) \cup B(\eta, \varepsilon).$$

Apply Green Formula. (Note: $\Delta v = \Delta u \equiv 0$)

ii) Green Function for half space:

Consider $\mathcal{R}_+^n = \{ \vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_n > 0 \}.$

Denote: reflection $\tilde{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, -x_n)$ for $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n).$

Then $\phi^x(\eta) = \phi(\eta - \tilde{x})$ is the corrector. (Ideal is remove singularity x .)

Check $\frac{\partial h}{\partial \nu} = -\frac{x_n}{|x-\eta|^n} \frac{1}{|x-\eta|^{n-1}} \vec{v} = (0, \dots, 1).$ Denote by $k(x, \eta).$

Remark: For U is bounded, we can prove directly:

$$\int_{\partial U} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \nu} \lambda S = \int_U \Delta h \lambda S = -1.$$

But for $U = \mathcal{R}_+^n$, check: $\int_{\partial \mathcal{R}_+^n} k(x, \eta) \lambda \eta = 1$

Thm. Suppose $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for $u(x) =$

$$\int_{\partial \mathbb{R}_+^n} k(x, y) g(y) dy. \text{ Then } u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^n).$$

satisfies

i) $\Delta u \equiv 0$ in $\mathbb{R}_+^n$

ii) $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_0 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} u(x) = g(x_0), \forall x_0 \in \partial \mathbb{R}_+^n.$

(*) for $\begin{cases} \Delta u = f \\ u = g \end{cases}$

u may not converge even if $f \in C(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$

i.e. solve $\begin{cases} \Delta u \equiv 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+^n \quad (*) \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial \mathbb{R}_+^n. \end{cases}$

Pf: 1) $|u(x)| \leq \|g\|_\infty \int k(x, y) = \|g\|_\infty$

$\therefore u(x)$ is bound. (well-def).

2) $\Delta k \equiv 0, \therefore u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^n).$

3) For $|u(x) - g(x_0)| \leq \int_{\partial \mathbb{R}_+^n \cap B(x_0, \delta)} k |g(y) - g(x_0)|$
 $+ \int_{\partial \mathbb{R}_+^n - B(x_0, \delta)} k |g(y) - g(x_0)| \stackrel{a}{=} I + J.$

$I \leq \varepsilon$, easy to see. (For small δ)

For J : Control $|x - x_0| < \frac{\delta}{2}.$

Then $|y - x| \geq \frac{1}{2}|y - x_0|, \therefore J \leq 2\|g\|_\infty \int_{\square} \frac{2^n x_n dy}{|y - x_0|^n q(y)}.$

iii) Green's Func for a ball:

Def: For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$, $\tilde{x} = \frac{x}{|x|^2}$, it's dual point of x w.r.t $\partial B(0, 1).$

Remark: Similar with half-plane. We want to remove the singularity by symmetry.

Consider $\phi(x) = \phi(|x|)(\eta - \bar{x})$. for $x \in B(0,1)$.

Thm. Suppose $g \in C(\partial(B(0,r)))$, $\bar{u}(x) = u(x)$.

where $u(x) = \int_{\partial B(0,1)} K(x,y) g(y) d\sigma_y$. solve

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } B(0,r) \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial B(0,r) \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \bar{u} \in C^\infty(B(0,r))$$

③ Energy Method:

It's a technique involving L^2 -norm. e.g. if we want to evaluate the fluctuation of u , then

consider $\int_U |Du|^2 dx$.

Dirichlet's Principle:

Def: $I[w] = \int_U \frac{1}{2} |Dw|^2 - wf dx$ is the

energy functional w.r.t Poisson equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } U \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial U. \end{cases} \quad U \in \mathcal{A}, \text{ admissible sol.}$$

where $\mathcal{A} = \{w \in C^1(\bar{U}) \mid w = g \text{ on } \partial U\}$.

Thm. $u \in C^1(\bar{U})$. u solves the Poisson equation

$$\Leftrightarrow I[u] = \min_{w \in \mathcal{A}} I[w].$$

Remark: It's characterization of the solution

Pf: $(\Rightarrow)$. $\int_U (-\Delta u - f)(u - w) dx = 0$ for $w \in A$.

Integration by part. Note that $u - w$ cancels the boundary value.

$\therefore \int_U \nabla u \cdot \nabla (u - w) - f(u - w) = 0$. check by $Au = f$.

$(\Leftarrow)$. Fix $v \in C_c^\infty(U)$. $i(z) = I(u + zv)$. $z \in \mathbb{R}$.

$\therefore i'(z)|_{z=0} = 0$. i.e. $\int (-\Delta u - f)v = 0$. $\forall v \in C_c^\infty(U)$

(3) Heat Equation:

$u_t - \Delta u = f$. $u: \bar{U} \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. $f: U \times \mathbb{R}_+^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Physical Interpretation:

It describes the evolution in time of density $u(x, t)$ of some quantity. e.g. heat, chemical concentration.

For $V \subset U$, the change of total quantity in V is:

$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V u dx = - \int_{\partial V} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nu} dS$. - net flux on ∂V . ($\vec{F}$ is density)

Then $u_t = -\text{Div}(\vec{F})$. $\vec{F} = -\alpha \nabla u$. $\therefore u_t = \alpha \Delta u$.

① Fundamental Solution:

Consider $u_t - \Delta u = 0$. (Heat equation)

Firstly, find something have invariant property:

Note that if $u(x, t)$ satisfies the equation, then

so $u(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t)$. The scaling ratio $\frac{|x|^2}{t}$ is important.

Suppose $u(x, t) = v(\frac{x}{t^\alpha}) / t^\beta$, $(x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0)$

which is from $u(x, t) = \lambda^\alpha u(\lambda^\beta x, \lambda t)$. Let $\lambda = t^{-1}$. and

$v(\eta) = u(\eta, 1)$, i.e. invariant under $u(x, t) \mapsto \lambda^\alpha u(\lambda^\beta x, \lambda t)$

insert into the equation: $(\eta = x/t^\alpha)$

$$\alpha t^{-(\alpha+1)} v(\eta) + \beta t^{-(\alpha+1)} \eta \cdot \nabla v(\eta) + t^{-(\alpha+2\beta)} \Delta v(\eta) = 0.$$

Let $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$. Cancel $t^{-(\alpha+1)}$. Let $v(\eta) = w(\eta)$.

$$\therefore \alpha w + \frac{r}{2} w' + w'' + \frac{n}{r} w' = 0$$

$$\text{Let } r = \frac{n}{2} \quad \therefore (r^n w')' + \frac{1}{2} (r^n w)' = 0.$$

$$\text{Let } w \in S(\mathbb{R}^1). \quad \therefore r^n w' + \frac{1}{2} r^n w = 0. \quad \therefore w = b e^{-\frac{r^2}{4}}$$

$$\text{Def: } \phi(\vec{x}, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|\vec{x}|^2}{4t}}, & \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0 \\ 0, & \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Remark: } \begin{cases} \phi_t - \Delta \phi = 0, & \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ \phi(\vec{x}, 0) = \delta_0(\vec{x}), & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Note that } \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(\vec{x}, t) d\vec{x} = 1, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(\vec{x}, t) d\vec{x} = 1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(\vec{x}, 0) d\vec{x}.$$

② Initial-Value Problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

Thm. If $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $u(x, t) = \phi(\cdot, t) * g(x)$

Then $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty))$, satisfies.

i) $u_t - \Delta u = 0$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0$). ii) $\lim_{\substack{(x, t) \rightarrow (x_0, 0) \\ x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0}} u(x, t) = g(x_0)$.

Pf: 1') Check u is bounded (point-wise), is well-def and $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$, $\forall \delta > 0$.

Besides, $u_t - \Delta u = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\phi_t - \Delta \phi) u = 0$.

2') $|u(x, t) - g(x_0)| \leq \int_{B(x_0, \delta)} \phi(x - \eta, t) |g(\eta) - g(x_0)| d\eta$

$+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(x_0, \delta)} \phi(x - \eta, t) |g(\eta) - g(x_0)| d\eta \stackrel{a}{=} I + J$.

Similarly, let δ be small enough, st.

$I \leq \|g\|_\infty \delta$, $J \leq 2\|g\|_\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(x_0, \delta)} \phi(x_0 - \eta, t) d\eta \cdot (|g - x| > \frac{1}{2}|g - x_0|)$

Remark: If $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap B(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $g \geq 0$, $g \not\equiv 0$, then $u(\vec{x}, t) > 0$ on $\forall (\vec{x}, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$, i.e.

If initial temperature ≥ 0 , and > 0 on somewhere $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}$. Then $T > 0$, on everywhere, every later time.

iii) Nonhomogeneous Problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = f & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\} \end{cases}$$

(a) $\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = 0 \\ u = g \end{cases}$ Solution u_a

$\Rightarrow$

We can separate it into two group of equations

(b) $\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = f \\ u \equiv 0 \end{cases}$ Solution u_b

Let $u(x, t) = u_a(x, t) + u_b(x, t)$. obtain the solution of original equation. ($u_a = \phi * g$, known).

For Equation (b):

We want to remove f on the initial value:

$u = f$ on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \{t=0\}$. Since $u_t - \Delta u = f$ is about the rate of change. Apply integration to

accumulate it. Note that $u(x, t; t-s) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x-\eta, s) f(\eta, t-s) d\eta$

$$\text{Solve: } \begin{cases} u_t(\cdot; t-s) - \Delta u(\cdot; t-s) = 0, & \mathbb{R}^n \times (s, \infty) \\ u(\cdot; t-s) = f(\cdot; t-s), & \mathbb{R}^n \times \{s\}. \end{cases} \quad (t-s > 0)$$

$$\text{Claim: } \int_0^t u(x, t; t-s) ds = u(x, t) \text{ solve (b).}$$

Thm. If $f \in C_c^{(2,1)}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$

Then, $u \in C^{(2,1)}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$ satisfies.

$$i) u_t - \Delta u = f, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0$$

$$ii) \lim_{\substack{(x,t) \rightarrow (x_0,0) \\ t>0}} u(x,t) = 0, \quad \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Pf: 1) Check by definition of differentiation

Apply Dominated Convergence Thm.

$$\begin{aligned} 2) u_t - \Delta u &= \left(\int_0^t + \int_0^t \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x-\eta, s) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - \Delta_\eta \right) f(x-\eta, t-s) d\eta ds \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x-\eta, 0) f(x-\eta, 0) d\eta = I_2 + I_3 + K. \end{aligned}$$

$$|I_2| \leq (\| \Delta f \|_\infty + \| \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \|_\infty) \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi = C t.$$

$$I_2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(\eta, \varepsilon) f(x-\eta, t-\varepsilon) d\eta - f.$$

By Integration by part to convert $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \cdot d\eta$ to $\phi(\eta, s)$.

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(\eta, \varepsilon) f(x-\eta, t-\varepsilon) d\eta = f(x, t). \text{ by Dominated Convergence.}$$

$$3) \|u(x, t)\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty \left(1 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi \right) \leq tC \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

③ Properties of Solution:

i) Mean Value Formula:

For $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open, bounded. Fix $T > 0$.

Def: Parabolic Cylinder: $U_T = U \times [0, T]$.

Parabolic boundary: $I_T = \bar{U}_T - U_T$ (no Top).

Heat ball: $E(x, t; r) = \{(\eta, s) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid s \leq t, \phi(x-\eta, t-s) \geq \frac{1}{r^n}\}$.

Thm. $u \in C^{(2,1)}(U_T)$ solve heat equation $u_t = \Delta u$.

$$\text{Then } u(x, t) = \frac{1}{4r^n} \int_{E(x, t; r)} u(\eta, s) \frac{|x-\eta|^2}{(t-s)^2} d\eta ds.$$

for $\forall E(x, t; r) \subseteq U_T$.

Pf: By shift, consider $x=t=0$, $\phi(r) = \int_{E(0,1;1)} u(\eta, r) \frac{|r|^2}{s^2} d\eta ds$.

check $\phi'(r) = 0$.

(Translation and dilation is for differentiation)

$$\phi'(r) = \int_{E(r)} \sum \eta_i \frac{|r|^2}{|s|^3} u_{\eta_i} + 2r u_s \frac{|r|^2}{s} d\eta ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} \int_{E(r)} \sum \square + \square d\eta ds \stackrel{\Delta}{=} A + B.$$

Introduce $\psi(\eta, s) = \ln \phi(\eta, s) + r \log r$. $\psi = 0$ on $\partial E(r)$.

Which guarantees Integration by part will cancel boundary.

Note that $\psi_{\eta_i} = \frac{\eta_i}{2s}$, $\psi_s = -\frac{n}{2s} - \frac{|h|^2}{4s^2}$.

In $B = \text{Remove } \frac{\partial}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_i} \text{ on } \mu$. for $\mu_{\eta_i}, \mu_s = \Delta \mu$.

i.e. we only need $(\mu_{\eta_i})_i^n$ in the equation.

Check $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \phi(t) = \mu(0,0) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{t^n} \int_{E(t)} \frac{|h|^2}{s^2} d\eta ds \right) = 4\mu(0,0)$.

ii) Strong Maximum Principle:

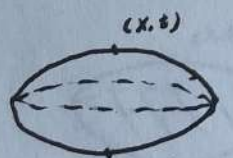
Thm. If $u \in C^{(2,1)}(\bar{U}_T) \cap C(\bar{U}_T)$ solve $u_t = \Delta u$ in U_T

Then i) $\max_{\bar{U}_T} u(x,t) = \max_{I_T} u(x,t)$

ii) For U is connected. exists $(x_0, t_0) \in U_T$

st. $u(x_0, t_0) = \max_{\bar{U}_T} u$. Then $u \equiv c$ in $\bar{U}_T$.

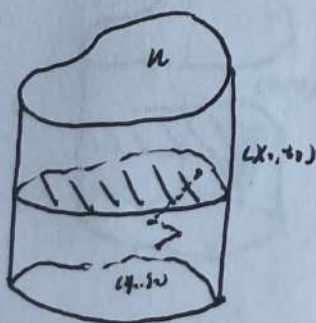
Pf:



$(x, t - 1/4\alpha t^2)$

Heat Ball

$E(x, t; r)$



If $\exists (x_0, t_0)$ attain the maximum in the interior. Then by mean Value Thm. $u \equiv m$ in $E(x_0, t_0; r) \subseteq U_T$

For $\forall \eta_0 \in U$, $t_0 > s_0 > 0$. We can find several line segments connect (x_0, t_0) and (η_0, s_0) . for guarantee any line segment $\subseteq U_{t_0}$ (since U_T° open)

Denote $r_0 = \min \{s \geq s_0 \mid u = m, (x, t) \text{ in } L\}$
 L is union of line segments.

prove: $r_0 = s_0$. by continuity.

For $\forall \eta_0 \in U$, $s_0 = t_0$. fix t . reduce to Laplace.

Remark: i) If $u(x,t)$ attains extremum in the interior

Then $u \equiv \text{const}$ in the earlier time.

ii) Within any U_T . It has infinite propagation

Speed again. for $\begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u & \text{in } U_T \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial U \times [0, T] \\ u = g & \text{on } U \times \{t=0\} \end{cases}$

$g \geq 0$, positive somewhere on U .

Thm. $g \in C(I_T)$, $f \in C(U_T)$. Then exists at most one solution

$u \in C^{(2,1)}(U_T) \cap C(\bar{U}_T)$ of $\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = f & \text{in } U_T \\ u = g & \text{on } I_T \end{cases}$

Thm. c For $U = \mathbb{R}^n$

If $u \in C^{(2,1)}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T]) \cap C(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T])$ solves

$\begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T) \\ u = g & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t=0\} \end{cases}$ Satisfies $u \leq A e^{a|x|^2}$

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$, for some $A, a > 0$. Then.

$$\sup_{\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T]} u = \sup_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x).$$

Pf: 1) Suppose $4aT < 1$. then $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $\frac{1}{4(T+\varepsilon)} > a$.

$$\text{Def: } V(x, t) = u(x, t) - \frac{M}{(T+\varepsilon-t)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{(x-\eta)^2 / 4(T+\varepsilon-t)}. \quad M > 0.$$

$V_t - \Delta V = 0$. (the last term is from fundamental solution.)

2) In $\mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}$:

$$V(x, 0) \leq u(x, 0) = g(x).$$

3) In $U_T = \partial B(\eta, r) \times (0, T]$.

$$V(x, t) \leq A e^{a(|\eta|+r)^2} - \frac{M}{(T+\varepsilon-t)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{r^2 / 4(T+\varepsilon)} \rightarrow -\infty \quad (r \rightarrow \infty)$$

Since $\max_{\bar{U}_T} V(x,t) = \max_{I_T} V(x,t)$

$\therefore$ For large r , $\max_{\bar{U}_T} V \leq \sup_{K^c} q(x)$.

4^o) From above, $V \leq \sup q(x)$. Let $\mu \rightarrow 0$.

Obtain $u(x,t) \leq \sup q(x)$.

generally, separate $[0, T]$ into $([T_k, T_{k+1}])_{k=0}^{N-1}$

$T_0 = 0, T_N = T, |T_k - T_{k+1}| < \frac{1}{4a}$.

Thm. (Uniqueness)

Suppose $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $f \in C(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T])$. Then exists at most one $u(x,t) \in C^{(2,1)}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T]) \cap C(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T])$.

of $\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = f & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T] \\ u = g & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$ satisfies $|u| \leq A e^{1/4a}$.

Remark: For $f = g = 0$, then $u \equiv 0$ is one solution.
by Thm. Other solution will grow rapidly.

iii) Regularity:

Def: $C(x,t; r) = \{(y,s) \mid |x-y| \leq r, t-r^2 \leq s \leq t\}$,
which is a cylinder.

Thm, $u \in C^{(2,1)}(\bar{U}_T)$ solve $u_t - \Delta u = 0$ in U_T .

Then $u \in C^\infty(\bar{U}_T)$

Pf. 1) For $(x_0, t_0) \in U_T$. Consider $C = C(x_0, t_0; r) \subseteq U_T$.

$$C' = C(x_0, t_0; \frac{3r}{4}), \quad C'' = C(x_0, t_0; \frac{r}{2}).$$

Constraint: f smooth, $|f| \leq 1$, $f \equiv 1$ in C' .

$$f \equiv 0 \text{ in } \overline{\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T]} - C.$$

prove: u is smooth in C'' .

2) Suppose u is smooth firstly. $V = f u$.

$$V = 0 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}. \quad V_t - \Delta V = f u - 2 \nabla f \cdot \nabla u - u \Delta f \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \tilde{f} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, t_0).$$

$$\tilde{V} = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x-y, t-s) \tilde{f}(y, s) dy ds \text{ solve } \begin{cases} V_t - \Delta V = \tilde{f} \\ V = 0. \end{cases}$$

Since $|u|, |\tilde{V}| \leq C$ (cpt supp of f, V) $\therefore \tilde{V} = V$.

$$\therefore \text{For } (x, t) \in C'', \quad u(x, t) = \int_0^t \phi(x-y, t-s) [f(y, s) u - 2 \nabla f \cdot \nabla u] dy ds.$$

$$\text{Remove } \frac{\partial}{\partial s}, \Delta \text{ out of } u. \quad \therefore u \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \int_0^t k(x, t, y, s) u dy ds.$$

3) Replace u by $u_\varepsilon = u * \eta_\varepsilon \in C^\infty$.

obtain the formula in 2). $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

$k = 0$ in C' . k is smooth on $C - C'$. $\therefore u \in C^{\infty}(C'')$.

iv) Local Estimate:

Thm. There exists $C_{k,l}$ const. w.r.t k, l st.

$$\max_{C(x, t, \frac{r}{2})} |D_x^k D_t^l u| \leq \frac{C_{k,l}}{r^{k+l+2}} \|u\|_{C^0(C(x, t, r))}$$

for $\forall C(x, t, \frac{r}{2}) \subseteq C(x, t, r) \subseteq U_T$. u solves heat equation in U_T .

Pf: 1) $\forall (x, t)$ in $(x, t; \frac{1}{2})$.

$$|u(x, t)| = \left| \int_{C(x, t, 1)} k(x, t, \eta, s) u(\eta, s) d\eta ds \right| \leq C_1 \|u\|_{L^1(C(x, t, 1))}$$

2) For $C(x, t, \frac{r}{2})$. Define $v(x, t) = u(rx, r^2 t)$.

Note that $D_x^k D_t^e v = r^{2|k|+e} D_x^k D_t^e u$. $\|v\|_{L^1} = \frac{1}{r^{n+2}} \|u\|_{L^1(C(x, t, 1))}$

Remark: $u(\vec{x}, t)$ will be analytic on $\vec{x}$. But not in the variable t .

④ Energy method:

Consider $\mathcal{E}(t) = \int_U w^2(x, t) dx$. $W_t = AW$.

$\therefore \dot{\mathcal{E}}(t) = - \int_U |Dw|^2 dx \leq 0$. $\mathcal{E}(t)$ is the

energy functional.

Backward Uniqueness:

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } U_T \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial U \times [0, T] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{u}_t - \Delta \tilde{u} = 0 & \text{in } U_T \\ \tilde{u} = g & \text{on } \partial U \times [0, T] \end{cases}$$

If $u(x, T) = \tilde{u}(x, T)$, $u, \tilde{u} \in C^2(\bar{U}_T)$. Then

$u \equiv \tilde{u}$ within $\bar{U}_T$

Pf: $w = u - \tilde{u}$. Consider $\mathcal{E}(t) = \int_U w^2 dx$

1) $\mathcal{E}' \leq \mathcal{E}''$.

Let $f(u) = \log u(u)$. $\therefore f'' \geq 0$. Convex.

2') By contradiction. $\exists [t_1, t_2] \subseteq [0, T]$. s.t. $\forall t \in [t_1, t_2]$

$\psi(t) > 0$. $\psi(t_2) = 0$. We have $f((1-\lambda)t_1 + \lambda t_2) \leq (1-\lambda)f(t_1) + \lambda f(t_2)$.

But $\psi(t) \equiv 0$ on $[t_1, t_2]$. contradiction!

(4) Wave Equation:

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u = f(x, t), \quad u(x, t): \bar{\Omega} \times [0, t_0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f: \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Physical Interpretation:

$u(x, t)$ represents the displacement in some direction of point $\vec{x}$ at time t .

$$\text{For } V \subset \Omega, \quad \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \int_V u dx = \int_V u_{tt} dx = - \int_{\partial V} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nu} ds.$$

$\vec{F}$ is the force acting on V through ∂V . Suppose $m=1$.

i.e. this means: $ma = F$.

$$\therefore u_{tt} = -\text{Div}(F), \quad F = F(\partial u) \leq -\alpha \partial u \quad \therefore u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0.$$

Remark: The initial value condition should contain:
displacement u and velocity u_t at $t=0$.

① Spherical means:

i) For $n=1$:

(a) d'Alembert's Formula:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g & \text{on } \mathbb{R} \times \{t=0\}, \\ u_t = h & \end{cases}$$

Note that $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) u = 0$

Let $v(x,t) = u_t - u_x$. Then it becomes two group of transport equations. We obtain:

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} [g(x+t) + g(x-t)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} h(\eta) d\eta.$$

Thm. $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$, $h \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$. Then $u(x,t) \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty))$

satisfies $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$. $\lim_{\substack{(x,t) \rightarrow (x_0,0) \\ t > 0}} u(x,t) = g(x_0)$. $\lim_{\substack{(x,t) \rightarrow (x_0,0) \\ t > 0}} u_t(x,t) = h(x_0)$

Remark: u will not attain instantaneous smoothness as the heat equation does.

(b) Reflection Method:

Consider the equation in the $\mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, \infty)$.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g, u_t = h & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^+ \times \{0\} \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \{x=0\} \times (0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

and $g(0) = h(0) = 0$. ($u, u_t = 0$ on boundary).

Extend g, h, u on $\mathbb{R}$ by odd reflection:

$$\tilde{u}(x,t) = \begin{cases} u(x,t), & \mathbb{R}^+ \\ -u(-x,t), & \mathbb{R}^- \end{cases} \quad \tilde{g}(x) = \begin{cases} g(x), & x \geq 0 \\ -g(-x), & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{h}(x) = \begin{cases} h(x), & x \geq 0 \\ -h(-x), & x < 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{u}_{tt} - \tilde{u}_{xx} = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) \\ \tilde{u} = \tilde{g}, \tilde{u}_t = \tilde{h} & \text{on } \mathbb{R} \times \{0\} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We obtain: } \tilde{u}(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{g}(x+t) + \tilde{g}(x-t)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \tilde{h}(\eta) d\eta$$

$$\text{i.e. } u(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [g(x+t) + g(x-t)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} h(\eta) d\eta, & x \geq t \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} [g(x+t) - g(t-x)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t-x}^{x+t} h(\eta) d\eta, & 0 \leq x \leq t. \end{cases}$$

Remark: Consider t is fixed. For $x \rightarrow t^+$ and t^- .

$$u \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty)) \Leftrightarrow g'(0) = 0.$$

(c). Spherical means:

Suppose $n, m \geq 2$. $u \in C^m(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$ solve:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g, \quad u_t = h, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}. \end{cases}$$

Notation: $U(x,r,t) = \int_{\partial B(x,r)} u(\eta,t) dS_{\eta}$. similarly.

$$G(x,r) = \int_{\partial B(x,r)} g(\eta) dS_{\eta}, \quad H(x,r) = \int_{\partial B(x,r)} h(\eta) d\eta.$$

Lemma. Fix $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. if u solves the equation, then

$U \in C^m(\overline{\mathbb{R}_+} \times [0, \infty))$, satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} - U_{rr} - \frac{n-1}{r} U_r = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times (0, \infty) \\ U = G, \quad U_t = H & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \{0\} \end{cases}$$

Remark: Note that integration for mean value diminishes the dimension of variables (to r, t) after fix the center point $\vec{x}$.

Pf: 1') For U_r, U_{rr} :

$$U_r = \frac{r}{n} \int_{\partial B(x,r)} \Delta u(\eta,t) d\eta, \quad U_r \rightarrow 0 \quad (r \rightarrow 0^+)$$

$$U_{rr} = \int_{\partial B(x,r)} \Delta u dS + \left(\frac{1}{n} - 1\right) \int_{\partial B(x,r)} \Delta u d\eta.$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \Delta u(x,t) \quad (r \rightarrow 0^+)$$

similarly, we can verify $u \in C^{\infty}(\bar{R}_+ \times [0, \infty))$

2) For u_{tt} :

$$\text{Using } u_{tt} = \Delta u. \quad \therefore r^{n-1} u_r = \frac{1}{n\pi(n)} \int_{\partial B(x,r)} u_{tt}$$

$$\therefore (r^{n-1} u_r)_r = \frac{1}{n\pi(n)} \int_{\partial B(x,r)} u_{tt} = r^{n-1} u_{tt}.$$

ii) For $n=3, 2$:

The idea is using the spherical mean to reduce the equation into one dimension.

(a). $n=3$:

$$\text{Set } \tilde{u} = r u, \quad \tilde{G} = r G, \quad \tilde{H} = r H.$$

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

$$\therefore \tilde{u}(x, r, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{G}(r+t) + \tilde{G}(t-r)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t-r}^{r+t} \tilde{H}(\eta) d\eta.$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq r \leq t. \quad \text{since } u(x, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\tilde{u}(x, r, t)}{r}$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \int_{\partial B(x,t)} \frac{1}{4\pi t} (t h(\eta) + g(\eta) + D g(\eta) \cdot (\eta - x)) dS_{\eta}.$$

which is called Kirchhoff's Formula.

(b) $n=2$:

Let $\bar{u}(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) = u(x_1, x_2, t)$. by method of descent.

We can reduce it to $n=3$ case.

Similarly, $\bar{g}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = g(x_1, x_2)$, $\bar{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = h(x_1, x_2)$.

$$\therefore \bar{u}(\bar{x}, t) = u(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(t \int_{\partial \bar{B}(\bar{x}, t)} \bar{g} d\bar{S} \right) + t \int_{\partial \bar{B}(\bar{x}, t)} \bar{h} d\bar{S}$$

$$\bar{x} = (x, 0), \quad \bar{S} = (1 + (D(t^2 - |x|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}) d\eta.$$

$$m(\partial \bar{B}(\bar{x}, t)) = 4\pi t^2, \quad \partial \bar{B}(\bar{x}, t) = B(x, t)$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(x, t)} \frac{t g(\eta) + t^2 h(\eta) + t D g(\eta) \cdot (\eta - x)}{(t^2 - |x|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} d\eta.$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $t > 0$, which is called Poisson's Formula.

iii) n is odd:

$$\text{Lemma. (a). } \left(\frac{\Delta^2}{\Delta r^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right)^{k-1} (r^{2k-1} \phi(r)) = \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right)^k \left(r^{2k} \frac{\Delta \phi}{\Delta r} \right)$$

$$(b). \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right)^{k-1} (r^{2k-1} \phi(r)) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \beta_j^k r^{j+1} \frac{\Delta^j \phi}{\Delta r^j}, \text{ where}$$

$$\beta_0^k = (2k-1)!!$$

Pf: By induction:

$$(a). \frac{\Delta^2}{\Delta r^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right)^k (r^{2k+1} \phi) =$$

$$\frac{\Delta^2}{\Delta r^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right)^k (r^{2k+1} (2k+1) \phi + r^{2k} \cdot r \phi(r))$$

$$(b) \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right)^k (r^{2k+1} \phi(r)) =$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right) \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\Delta}{\Delta r} \right)^{k-1} (r^{2k+1} (r^2 \phi(r)))$$

Denote the differential operators in (a), (b), by

D_a, D_b . Let $\tilde{u} = D_a u$, $\tilde{u} = D_a u$, $\tilde{u} = D_a u$.

where $n = 2k+1$.

check:
$$\begin{cases} \bar{u}_{tt} - \bar{u}_{rr} = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, \infty) \\ \bar{u} = \bar{g} \quad \bar{u}_t = \bar{h} & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^+ \times \{0\} \\ \bar{u} = 0 & \text{on } \{0\} \times (0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

By $u_{tt} = u_{rr} + \frac{n-1}{r} u_r$ with lemma.

Note that $\bar{u}(r, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \beta_j^k r^{j+1} \frac{\partial^j}{\partial r^j} u(x, r, t)$.

$\therefore u(x, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} u(r, x, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \bar{u} / \beta_k^k r$

Remark: For u , we only need the information of

g, h on $\partial B(x, r)$. And $u(x, t)$ won't be

smooth as g . Since the formula involve

the derivatives of g rather than g .

iv) n is even:

By method of descent again. let $\bar{u}(x, x_{n+1}, t) = u(x, t)$.

Similarly for $\bar{g}, \bar{h}$. Insert them into $n = \text{odd}$

case.

Huygens' Principle:

Note that the formula in $n = \text{even}$ involve all

the information of g, h in $B(x, t)$. i.e. they

will affect u within all of $\text{cone} = \{(y, t) | t \geq 0$

$|y - x| \leq t\}$.



But in $n = \text{odd}$, they will only

after the boundary $\partial C = \{(x, t) \mid t > 0, |x - \eta| = t\}$.

(propagates along ∂C)



Non homogeneous Case:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = f & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g, \quad u_t = h & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t=0\}. \end{cases}$$

We separate it into two groups of equations.

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & \begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = f & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = 0, \quad u_t = 0 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t=0\}. \end{cases} \\ (b) \quad & \begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g, \quad u_t = h & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t=0\}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We have solved (b). Next, consider (a):

For $0 < s < t$, consider in $[0, t]$. $f \Delta t$ is the change of velocity u_t made by the force f . (Δt is neighbour of s).

$$\therefore \begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (s, \infty) \\ u = 0, \quad u_t = f(x, t-s) \Delta t & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{s\}. \end{cases} \quad \text{is obtained by (a).}$$

Suppose $u(x, t; t-s) \Delta t$ is its solution.

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i \in I(\Delta t)} u(x, t; t-s_i) \Delta t = \int_0^t u(x, t; t-s) ds.$$

Thm. For $n \geq 2$, $f \in C^{[\frac{n}{2}]+1}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$. Then

$u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$, solves the equation.

Cor. $g \in C^{[\frac{n}{2}]+2}$, $f, h \in C^{[\frac{n}{2}]+1}$. Then we have:

$u = u_a + u_b \in C^2$. Solve the nonhomogeneous equation.

③ Energy Method:

i) Uniqueness:

For
$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } U_T \\ u = g & \text{on } I_T \\ u_t = h & \text{on } U \times \{t=0\}. \end{cases} \quad \text{There exists}$$

at most one solution $u \in C^2(\bar{U}_T)$

Pf: Let $w = u - \bar{u}$, where $u, \bar{u}$ are 2 different solutions.

Define: Energy Function:

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_U w_t(x,t)^2 + |Dw(x,t)|^2 dx, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

$$E'(t) = 0 \quad \text{by } w_{tt} = \Delta w, \text{ since } w_t \cdot Dw \equiv 0 \text{ on boundary.}$$

$$\therefore E(t) = E(0) = 0, \quad \therefore w \equiv 0.$$

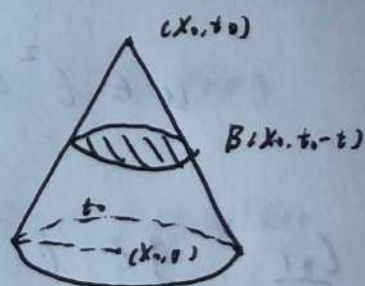
Remark: We will put the change (derivative) of u into L^2 -norm to construct its "energy".

ii) Domain of Dependence:

Def: Backwards wave cone with apex (x_0, t_0) :

$$K(x_0, t_0) = \{(x, t) \mid$$

$$0 \leq t \leq t_0, |x - x_0| \leq t_0 - t\}.$$



Thm. (Finite Propagation Speed)

If $u \in C^2$ solves $u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0$ in $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$, s.t.

$u \equiv u_t = 0$ on $B(x_0, t_0) \times \{t=0\}$. Then $u \equiv 0$ in $K(x_0, t_0)$

Remark: Any disturbance outside $B(x_0, t_0)$

has no effect within $K(x_0, t_0)$. So

it won't propagate everywhere instantaneously.

Pf: $E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(x_0, t_0-t)} u_t^2 + |\nabla u|^2 dx \quad \forall 0 \leq t \leq t_0$.

$$E' = \int_{\partial B(x_0, t_0-t)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} u_t - \frac{1}{2} u_t^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 \leq 0 \quad (\text{by AM-GM})$$

$\therefore E(t) \leq E(0) = 0$. i.e. $u \equiv 0$ in $K(x_0, t_0)$