

Objective { review
Existence of solution
maximum principle
(uniqueness)

(I) Review

in 2D: $\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$

if $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ Laplace Eq.
 u is called harmonic function

e.g.: $P_1 = x - y$, $\Delta P_1 = 0$

$$P_2 = x^2 - y^2$$

$$(P_2)_{xx} = 2 + 0 = 2$$

$$(P_2)_{yy} = 0 - 2 = -2$$

$$\Delta P_2 = (P_2)_{xx} + (P_2)_{yy} = 0$$

In Polar Coordinates

$$u(x, y) = w(r, \theta)$$

$$\Delta u = \Delta w = w_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} w_r + \frac{1}{r^2} w_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

if $w(r, \theta) = w(r)$

$$\Rightarrow w_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} w_r = 0$$

one harmonic function

$$w(r) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} (\ln(r))$$

[fundamental solution]

BC: \textcircled{D} $\rightarrow \partial D$

Dirichlet: $u = g$ on ∂D

Neumann: $\partial_n u = g$ on ∂D

Robin: $u + \alpha \partial_n u = g$ on ∂D

(II) Existence of solution

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} \Delta u = F, \text{ in } D, \text{ Poisson's Eq} \\ u = g, \text{ on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

Thm: There exist solutions for $\textcircled{1}$ if D is bounded & smooth.
[constructed by separation of variables]

$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} \Delta u = F \text{ in } D \\ \partial_n u = g \text{ on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

Thm: A necessary condition for existence is

$$\int_{\partial D} g(x(s), y(s)) ds = \int_D F(x, y) dx dy$$

Proof: Gauss's formula.

$$\int_D \nabla \cdot \vec{f} dx dy = \int_{\partial D} \vec{f} \cdot \vec{n} ds$$

$$\text{PDE: } F = \Delta u = \nabla \cdot (\nabla u)$$

$$\text{integrate: } \int_D F dx dy = \int_D \nabla \cdot (\nabla u) dx dy$$

$$\vec{f} = \nabla u = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x u \\ \partial_y u \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss}} \int_{\partial D} (\nabla u) \cdot \vec{n} ds$$

$$= \int_{\partial D} \partial_n u ds$$

$$\stackrel{\text{BC}}{=} \int_{\partial D} g ds$$

RK: Laplace Eq: $\Delta u = 0$

$$F = 0, \rightarrow \int_{\partial D} g ds = 0$$

(III) Maximum principle

PDE system { existence
Q: { uniqueness
stability

maximum principle { weak ~
strong ~

Thm: weak maximum principle

For $\Delta u = 0$ in D

suppose $u \in C^2(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$

and D is bounded

\Rightarrow maximum of u is achieved on ∂D .

$$\text{[math: } \max_D u \leq \max_{\partial D} u]$$

RK: $\bar{D} = D \cup \partial D$

e.g.: $D: |r| < 1$ \textcircled{D}

$\bar{D}: |r| \leq 1$

Proof: claim: if $\Delta v > 0$ in D

(i) then v cannot have a local max in D .

Proof of claim

if $(x_0, y_0) \in D$ is local max

$$\Rightarrow \Delta v \leq 0, \text{ at } (x_0, y_0) \quad \text{contradiction.}$$

(ii) define $v = u + \varepsilon(x^2 + y^2)$, $\varepsilon > 0$

then $\Delta v = \Delta u + \varepsilon \Delta(x^2 + y^2)$

$$= 0 + 4\varepsilon > 0$$

By (i): $\max_D v \leq \max_{\partial D} v$

$$\max_{\partial D} v = \max_{\partial D} u + \max_{\partial D} [\varepsilon(x^2 + y^2)]$$

$$= \max_{\partial D} u + \varepsilon \cdot L$$

$$\max_{\partial D} (x^2 + y^2) \triangleq L$$

L is finite, since D is bounded

$$\max_D u \leq \max_D v \leq \max_{\partial D} u + \varepsilon L$$

Let $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, $\max_D u \leq \max_{\partial D} u$ □

RK: minimum of u is also achieved on ∂D .

$$\Delta u = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta(-u) = 0$$

$$\max_D (-u) \leq \max_{\partial D} (-u)$$

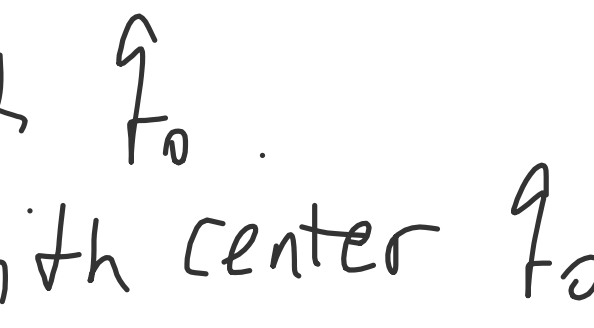
$$\text{[} \min_D (u) = -\max_D (-u)]$$

$$-\max_D (-u) \geq -\max_{\partial D} (-u)$$

$$\min_D (u) \geq \min_{\partial D} (u)$$

RK: boundedness of D is essential.

counterexample:

$D: |r| > 1$ 

$\partial D: |r| = 1$

$$\Delta u = 0, u = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$$

is a solution.

on ∂D , $u = \ln(1) = 0$

$$\ln(x^2 + y^2) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

Thm: mean value principle

$$\Delta u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x_0, y_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi R} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_R} u(x(s), y(s)) ds$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(x_0 + R \cos \theta, y_0 + R \sin \theta) d\theta$$

\mathcal{C}_R  [Note, $ds = R d\theta$]

[Proof, see textbook, discussion section]

RK: if u satisfies $(*)$ & $u \in C^2(D)$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta u = 0 \text{ in } D$$

Thm: strong maximum principle

If $\Delta u = 0$ in D

[D is assumed to be bounded]

and if u attains its max in D

$\Rightarrow u$ is a constant in D .

RK: math: $\max_D u \leq \max_{\partial D} u$

$$\text{if } \max_D (u) = \max_{\partial D} (u) \Leftrightarrow u = C$$

Proof:

$$q_0 = (x_0, y_0)$$

suppose $u(q_0)$ is max.

$\forall q_1, (x, y)$ there exists L connecting q_1 & q_0

define C_0 with center q_0 & radius R_0

By mean value principle:

$$u(q_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi R_0} \oint_{C_0} u ds$$

$$\leq \max(u)$$

$$= u(q_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow u = u(q_0) \text{ on } C_0$$

$$q_1 = C_0 \cap L, u(q_1) = u(q_0)$$

$$\text{construct } C_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow q_3 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow q$$

$$\Rightarrow u(q) = \dots = u(q_2) = u(q_1) = u(q_0)$$

$$\text{So } u(q) = u(q_0), \forall q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u \text{ is a constant.}$$

To do list

HW 9

Next: §7.4 - §7.6