

Fourier Analysis 04-20

Review.

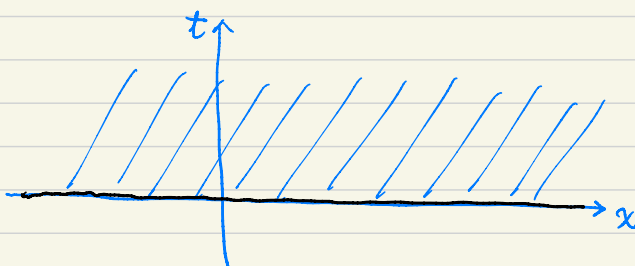
- Heat equation on the real line.

Thm (Uniqueness).

Suppose $u = u(x, t)$ satisfies the following conditions:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad u \in C(\overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+}) \cap C^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+),$$

where $\overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+} = (-\infty, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$.



$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad u(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\textcircled{4} \quad u(\cdot, t)$ belongs to $S(\mathbb{R})$ uniformly in t .

Then $u(x, t) \equiv 0$ on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$

(A proof using the energy method.)

$$E(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u(x, t)|^2 dx, \quad E'(t) \leq 0$$

- Steady-state heat equation on the upper half plane.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

A solution is:

$$\hat{u}(\xi, y) = \hat{f}(\xi) e^{-2\pi|\xi|y}$$

$$u(x, y) = f * P_y(x),$$

where $P_y(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$

(Poisson kernel on the upper half plane)

Thm. Let $f \in S(\mathbb{R})$ and $u(x, y) = f * P_y(x)$.

Then ① $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+)$ and $\Delta u = 0$

② $u(x, y) \rightrightarrows f(x)$ as $y \rightarrow 0$

③ $\int |u(x, y) - f(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow 0$

④ $u(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| + y \rightarrow \infty$

Thm 1 (Uniqueness)

Let $u(x, y) \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+) \cap C(\overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+})$.

$$\text{Suppose } \begin{cases} \Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Moreover, suppose $u(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| + y \rightarrow +\infty$.

Then $u(x, y) \equiv 0$ on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$.

Remark: The assumption $u \rightarrow 0$ "at infinity" can not be dropped.

For example: If letting $u(x, y) = y, \dots$

Lemma 2 (Mean value property of harmonic functions)

Let Ω be an open set in \mathbb{R}^2 . Let

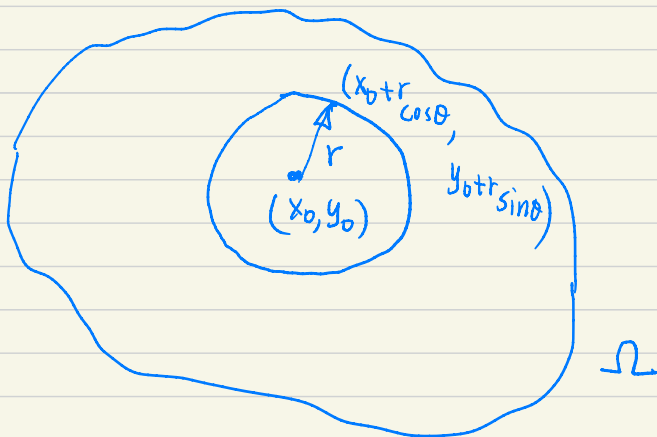
$u \in C^2(\Omega)$. Suppose $B_R(x_0, y_0) \subseteq \Omega$

$$\Delta u = 0$$

where $B_R(x_0, y_0) := \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2 \leq R^2 \right\}$

Then $\forall 0 < r < R$,

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



Proof: We write

$$U(r, \theta) = u(x_0 + r \cos \theta, y_0 + r \sin \theta),$$

$$\text{where } 0 < r < R, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

We also have

$$\Delta U = 0$$

However,

$$\Delta U = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \theta^2}.$$

$$\text{Hence } r^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} + r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

$$r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

Now define

$$F(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} U(r, \theta) d\theta, \quad 0 \leq r < R.$$

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dF}{dr} \right) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \right) d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \theta^2} d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta} \right|_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= 0$$

Hence $\frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dF}{dr} \right) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow r \frac{dF}{dr} = \text{const.}$$

as $r \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{dF}{dr}$ is bdd

$$\text{So } r \frac{dF}{dr} = 0$$

i.e. $\frac{dF}{dr} = 0 \Rightarrow F$ is a constant

$$\text{Hence } F(r) = f(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} U(0, \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(x_0, y_0) d\theta$$

$$= u(x_0, y_0)$$

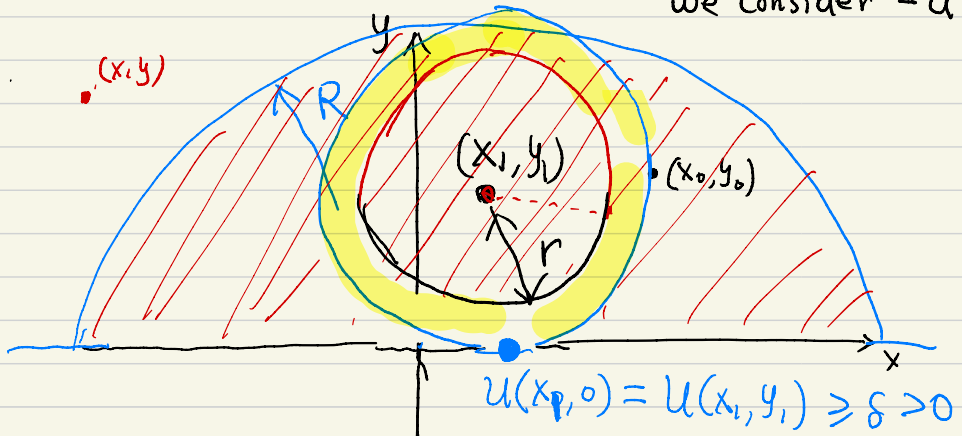
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Proof of Thm 1.:

Suppose on the contrary that $U \neq 0$
Then $\exists (x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$U(x_0, y_0) \neq 0.$$

WLOG, assume $\delta := U(x_0, y_0) > 0$. (Otherwise we consider $-U$)



Since $U(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| + y \rightarrow +\infty$,

we can find a large $R > 0$ such that

$$U(x, y) < \frac{\delta}{2} \text{ outside } B_R(0, 0)$$

Now, u is cts on $B_R(0,0) \cap \overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+}$

Hence u obtains the maximum

at (x_1, y_1) in $B_R(0,0) \cap \overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+}$

$$u(x_1, y_1) \geq u(x_0, y_0) = \delta.$$

By the mean value property

$$u(x_1, y_1) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(x_1 + r \cos \theta, y_1 + r \sin \theta) d\theta$$

It follows that

$$u(x_1, 0) = u(x_1, y_1) \geq \delta > 0.$$

This leads to a contradiction. \square