

Advanced Partial Differential Equations
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Lecture 22
Mean Value Property of Heat Equation

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Initial and Boundary value problem :-

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and, $u(x, t) = g(x, t) \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega \text{ and } t \in (0, T]$ (vertical sides)

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Note:- MVP is an exclusive property of the Laplace eqn.

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-2}} \geq \frac{1}{n(n-1)r^{n-2}}$$

Recall
 $u \in C^1(u)$ and
 $u'(x) = \frac{f(u)}{du}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} u(x) = f(u)$
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 $\Rightarrow \text{M.V.P. of 'u'}$

Welcome students. In today's class and in this week specifically we are going to talk about initial and boundary value problem.

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$\Rightarrow \phi(x-y) \geq \frac{1}{n(n-1)r^{n-2}}$ "

Recall
 $u \in C(u)$ and
 $u(x) = \int_{\partial B(x, r)} u(y) dy$
 \rightarrow Mean Value Property
 $= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} u(y) dy$
 $\text{on } \partial B(x, r)$
 $= \text{M.V. of } u$

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$$\frac{1}{[4\pi(t-s)]^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} \geq r^{-n}$$

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$$\text{where } \psi(y, s) = n \ln r + \frac{|y|^2}{4s} - \frac{n}{2} \ln(-4\pi s) ; s < 0.$$

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Mean Value Theorem for Heat Equation :-

Let $u \in C_1^2(\Omega_T)$ solves the Heat equation. Then

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{4r^n} \iint_{E(x,t;r)} u(y,s) \frac{|x-y|^2}{(t-s)^2} dy ds$$

for all $E(x,t;r) \subset \Omega_T$.

Proof: Define $\varphi(r) := \frac{1}{r^n} \iint_{(\xi,\tau) \in E(x,t;r)} u(\xi,\tau) \frac{|x-\xi|^2}{(t-\tau)^2} d\xi d\tau$

$$\therefore \varphi(r) = \frac{1}{r^n} \iint_{(\xi,\tau) \in E(0,0;1)} u(x+\xi, t+\tau) \frac{|\xi|^2}{\tau^2} d\xi d\tau$$

$$= \iint_{(\xi,\tau) \in E(0,0;1)} u(x+r\xi, t+r^2\tau) \cdot \frac{|\xi|^2}{\tau^2} d\xi d\tau \quad (\text{Change of Variable})$$

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So, now that we have some idea of what the heat ball is, I mean, in this case, in our specific case what the set is. Let us write down the heat equation, so mean value property for heat equation, mean value theorem for heat equation.

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Differentiating,

$$\varphi(r) = \iint_{(\xi, \tau) \in E(0, r^2)} \left[\nabla u(x+r\xi, t+r^2\tau) \cdot \xi \frac{|\xi|^2}{r^2} + u_t(x+r\xi, t+r^2\tau) \frac{|\xi|^2}{r^2} \cdot 2r \right] d\xi d\tau \quad (\text{chain rule})$$
$$= \frac{1}{r^n} \iint_{(\xi, \tau) \in E(0, r^2)} \nabla u(x+r\xi, t+r^2\tau) \cdot \xi \frac{|\xi|^2}{r^2} + \frac{2}{r^{n+1}} \int u_t(x+r\xi, t+r^2\tau) \frac{|\xi|^2}{r^2} = A+B.$$

Focusing on B,

$$\frac{2}{r^{n+1}} \int_{(\xi, \tau) \in E(0, r^2)} u_t(x+r\xi, t+r^2\tau) \frac{|\xi|^2}{r^2} = \frac{4}{r^{n+1}} \int_{(\xi, \tau) \in E(0, r^2)} u_t(x+r\xi, t+r^2\tau) \cdot \nabla \psi(\xi, \tau) \cdot \xi$$
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} u_t(x+s, t+\tau) \frac{|s|^2}{8} = \frac{4}{r^{n+1}} \int_{\Omega} u_t(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot \nabla \psi(s, \tau) \cdot s \quad (\text{Leibniz's Rule: } \text{div}(uv) = u \text{div} v + \dots)$$

$$= \frac{4}{r^{n+1}} \int_{\Omega} \text{div} [u_t(x+s, t+\tau) \psi(s, \tau) s] - \psi(s, \tau) \nabla u_t(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot s - n \psi(s, \tau) u_t(x+s, t+\tau)$$

$$= - \frac{4n}{r^{n+1}} \int_{\Omega} \psi(s, \tau) u_t(x+s, t+\tau) - \frac{4}{r^{n+1}} \int_{\Omega} \psi(s, \tau) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} [Du(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot s]$$

$$\left[\psi \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = 0 \right] - \left[\int_{\Omega} \text{div}(u) = \int_{\partial \Omega} u \cdot \nu \, ds \right]$$

Considering, $\int_{\Omega} \psi(s, \tau) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} [Du(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot s] \stackrel{IBP}{=} - \int_{\Omega} \psi_{\tau}(s, \tau) \cdot Du(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot s + \int_{\partial \Omega} \psi_{\tau} \cdot \nu \, ds$

Differentiating,

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$$= - \int_{(s,\tau) \in E(0,r)} \left(-\frac{n}{2r} - \frac{|s|^2}{4\tau^2} \right) \nabla u(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot s \quad (\text{Check})$$

Rearranging all the expressions,

$$\varphi(r) = - \frac{4n}{r^{n+1}} \int \psi(s, \tau) u_E(x+s, t+\tau) - \frac{2n}{r^{n+1}} \int \frac{\nabla u(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot s}{\tau}$$

...

$$\stackrel{\text{l.o.B.P}}{=} + \frac{4n}{r^{n+1}} \int \psi(s, \tau) \cdot \nabla u(x+s, t+\tau) - \frac{2n}{r^{n+1}} \int \frac{\nabla u(x+s, t+\tau) \cdot s}{\tau} = 0.$$

(check)

$\therefore \varphi$ is constant.

$$\therefore \varphi(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{E(0,r)} u(x+s, t+r^2\tau) \frac{|s|^2}{\tau^2} = u(x,t) \int_{E(0,r)} \frac{|s|^2}{\tau^2} d\xi d\tau = 4r^n \cdot u(x,t)$$

(Lemma due to Fubini)



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u_t(x+\xi, t+\tau) \frac{|\xi|^2}{2} = \frac{4}{r^{n+1}} \int_{(\xi, \tau) \in E(0,0;r)} u_t(x+\xi, t+\tau) \cdot \nabla \psi(\xi, \tau) \cdot \xi \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{div}(uv) = u \text{div} v + \dots \\ \text{Leibniz's Rule} \end{array} \right)$$

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$$(\because \nabla \psi(\xi, \tau) = \frac{\xi}{2r})$$

This integral I am not calculating this integral, but I mean this goes way back to 1961 or something, there is a paper by Fulks where he has proved this property. This is not a very easy thing to prove. So, I am going to assume this. So, with this, we are going to end this lecture. So, we have proved what we wanted. Thank you very much.