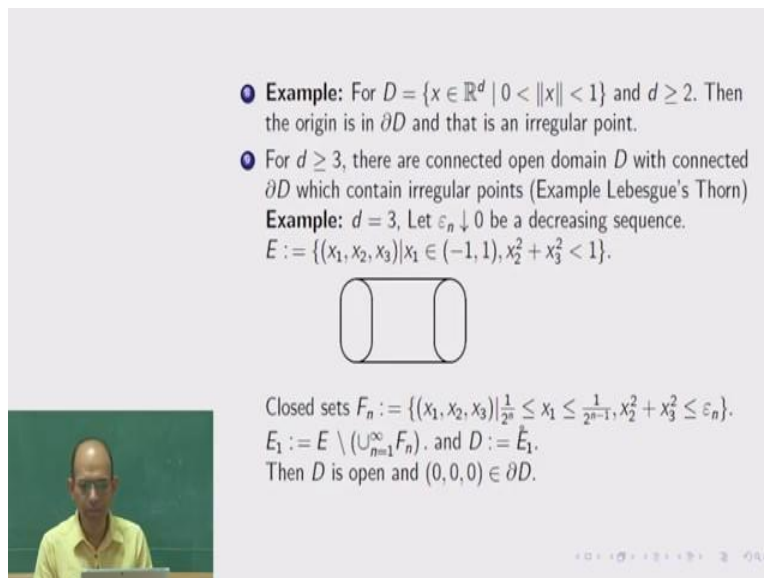


Introduction to Probabilistic Methods in PDE
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Summary of the Zaremba's cone condition


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• **Example:** For $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 < \|x\| < 1\}$ and $d \geq 2$. Then the origin is in ∂D and that is an irregular point.

• For $d \geq 3$, there are connected open domain D with connected ∂D which contain irregular points (Example Lebesgue's Thorn)

Example: $d = 3$, Let $\varepsilon_n \downarrow 0$ be a decreasing sequence.
 $E := \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1 \in (-1, 1), x_2^2 + x_3^2 < 1\}$.



Closed sets $F_n := \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid \frac{1}{2^n} \leq x_1 \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}, x_2^2 + x_3^2 \leq \varepsilon_n\}$.
 $E_1 := E \setminus (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)$. and $D := \overset{\circ}{E}_1$.
 Then D is open and $(0, 0, 0) \in \partial D$.

In the last lecture we have seen some examples of irregular points. So, here this is F_n , F_n is a closed set. This is basically, E is basically a cylinder and F_n s are actually small cylinders of decreasing size. ε_n goes to 0. It is some small numbers, where this length is $1/2^n$ and this is ε_n is the radius. And then those are attached to a make union of F_n and then that is subtracted from E and then what you obtain is E_1 and the interior of E_1 is an open domain, open connected of domain that is D that looks like this type of domain.

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$K_n := \{\vec{x} \mid x_1 \in [2^{-n}, 2^{-(n-1)}], x_2 = x_3 = 0\}.$

So, D is outside and this is, say, for example F_1 , this is F_2, F_3, F_4 , etc. So now we understand that here what is happening that no single cone can be attached here, so that that can stay completely inside the complement of D . So, if this is D , this part is the complement. Union of all these will be complement outside also. The whole thing is \mathbb{R}^d . So, no cone can be attached.

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Definition: Cone with direction $y (\neq 0)$ and aperture $\theta (\in [0, \pi])$
 $C(y, \theta) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \langle x, y \rangle \geq \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta\}.$

$a \in \partial D$ is said to satisfy Zaremba's cone condition if
 $\exists y \neq 0, \theta \in (0, \pi)$ s.t.
 $a + C(y, \theta) \subset \mathbb{R}^d \setminus D.$


So, here this is the definition of cone. So, this is of direction y . And then we have visited what is the Zaremba's cone condition. Zaremba's cone condition is in this slide. Imagine that your point a is on the boundary of the domain such that you can attach a cone like this, so that the entirety of the cone is outside the domain. That $a + c y \theta$, $c y \theta$ is the cone that started when, 0 is the vertex here. And $a + c y \theta$ would be the cone attached at point a , would be subset of \mathbb{R}^d minus D . Entirety of this should be on the complement.

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• **Theorem:** If $a \in \partial D$ satisfies Zaremba's cone condition, then it is regular.
 • WLOG assume $a = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[W_t \in C(y, \theta) | W_0 = 0] &= \int_{C(y, \theta)} \frac{1}{(2\pi t)^{d/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\|x\|^2}{2t}\right] dx \\
 &= \int_{C(y, \theta)} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\|z\|^2}{2\theta}\right] dz \\
 &= q(\text{indep of } t) > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

where,


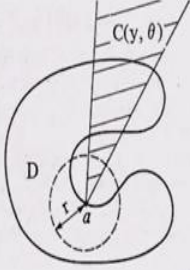
$$\left[z = \frac{x}{\sqrt{t}}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} I, \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^{-1} = \sqrt{t} I; \det\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^{-1} = t^{d/2} \right].$$


And then we have seen the statement of the theorem that if a point a is on the boundary of the domain and which satisfies Zaremba's cone condition, then it is regular. So, that proof also we have seen. We have seen this proof. There the idea of the proof is very simple, that to find out this probability and show that this is independent of t . So, it does not depend on t time. Some number q which is strictly positive that we could show due to this transformation.

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$$P(\sigma_D \leq t | W_0 = 0) \geq P(W_t \in C(y, \theta) | W_0 = 0) = q \forall t$$
$$\Rightarrow P(\sigma_D = 0 | W_0 = 0) > 0$$
$$\Rightarrow P(\sigma_D = 0 | W_0 = 0) = 1.$$

• **Remark:** If for $a \in \partial D$ there is $r > 0$, s.t. a satisfies cone condition for $(a + Br) \cap D$, then a is regular for the domain D .



And then using that we could show that the probability of σ_D , σ_D is not exactly exiting time, but positive exiting time. That is strictly greater or equals to q and then we get that since it is true for all t , so σ_D is equal to 0 that is positive. And since we know that Blumenthal's zero-one law, by using that law we know that anything positive should be 1. So, here this probability, any number which is more than 0 should be 1.

And then this remark was just saying that, even if your domain looks like that where locally it is, you can attach a cone but globally not, then does not matter you can actually locally like the D intersection with an open ball and you can consider this moon-shaped region as your domain and then if you put this, then it is a regular domain.

That means here, if you look at this part, so if a continuous function on this you know boundary of this part, then you would get that solution of Dirichlet problem there you would see that the continuity there.