

**Sobolev Spaces and Partial Differential Equations**  
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**Lecture 83**  
**The Schrodinger equation**

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ERRATUM:

$$\left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(\cdot, t) \right|_{0, \Omega}^2 + |u(\cdot, t)|_{1, \Omega}^2 = |g|_{0, \Omega}^2 + |f|_{1, \Omega}^2$$

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t^2} =$

THE SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION.

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$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, \infty)$$

$$u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma \times (0, \infty)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad x \in \Omega.$$

$$u = u_1 + i u_2$$

Before, I begin let me fix ERRATUM. So, in the theorem on the wave equation. I wrote the conservation of energy  $\left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(\cdot, t) \right|_{0, \Omega}^2 + |u(\cdot, t)|_{1, \Omega}^2 = |g|_{0, \Omega}^2 + |f|_{1, \Omega}^2$ . So, the correction is this should be  $1, \Omega$  because you the space is for  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  it is an  $L^2$  and this is  $H_0^1$  and this should correspond to  $f$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  correspond to  $g$  and that is conserved.

So, this is the thing and another place when writing the equation for  $\mathbb{R}^N$  I wrote  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  you would have figured it out it should be  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$  squared. So, today we will look at one more examples. So, this is the Schrodinger equation. So, this is an equation which is important in quantum mechanics.

So, you take  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  bounded open set and  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$  we look for  $u: \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  for the first time we are going to deal with something it is complex valued well for few moments and such that,

$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, \infty),$$

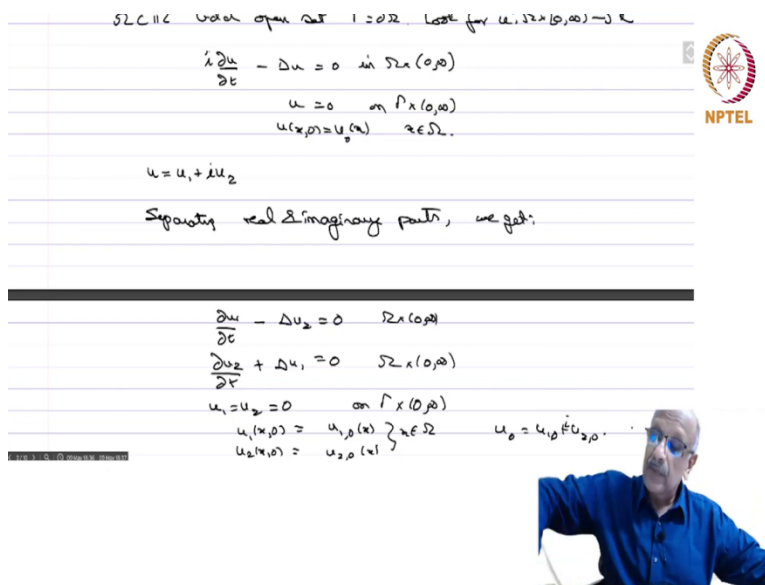
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$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \text{ for } x \in \Omega.$$

So, you have an  $i$  here in front otherwise it looks very much like the heat equation. So, we are want to deal with real functions. So, we write

$u = u_1 + iu_2$ , the real and imaginary parts. So, we separate the real and imaginary parts in this equation.

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Separating real & imaginary parts, we get:

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$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} - \Delta u_2 = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, \infty)$

$\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} + \Delta u_1 = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, \infty)$

$u_1 = u_2 = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma \times (0, \infty)$



$u_1(x, 0) = u_{1,0}(x) \text{ for } x \in \Omega$

$u_2(x, 0) = u_{2,0}(x) \text{ for } x \in \Omega$

$u_0 = u_{1,0} + iu_{2,0}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} - \Delta u_2 &= 0 & \Omega \times (0, \infty) \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} + \Delta u_1 &= 0 & \Omega \times (0, \infty) \\ u_1 = u_2 &= 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, \infty) \\ u_1(x, 0) &= u_{1,0}(x) \\ u_2(x, 0) &= u_{2,0}(x) \end{aligned} \right\} x \in \Omega \quad u_0 = u_{1,0} + i u_{2,0}.$$

Thm.  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  bounded, open set of class  $C^2$ .  $u_{1,0}$  and  $u_{2,0}$  in  $H^1(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Then  $\exists!$  unique fct. s.t.

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_1(x,t)|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |u_2(x,t)|^2 dx = \int_{\Omega} |u_{1,0}|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |u_{2,0}|^2 dx. \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$





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Def.  $V = (L^2(\Omega))^2$ .  $A: D(A) \subset V \rightarrow V$  def by

$$D(A) = (H^1(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))^2 \quad \underline{u} = (u_1, u_2) \in D(A).$$

$$A \underline{u} = (\Delta u_2, -\Delta u_1)$$



And then so, separating real and imaginary parts, we get the following system of equations

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} - \Delta u_2 = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty),$$

$$\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} + \Delta u_1 = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty),$$

$$u_1 = u_2 = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, \infty),$$

$$u_1(x, 0) = u_{1,0}(x) \text{ for } x \in \Omega.$$

$$u_2(x, 0) = u_{2,0}(x) \text{ for } x \in \Omega.$$

So, this is the real and imaginary parts. So, we have a following this system of equations which we want to solve, and now we have the following

**Theorem**  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  bounded open set of class  $C^2$ ,  $u_{1,0}$  and  $u_{2,0}$  in  $H^2(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega)$  then there exists a unique solution of star such that.

$$\text{So, } \int_{\Omega} |u_1(x, t)|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |u_2(x, t)|^2 dx = \int_{\Omega} |u_{1,0}|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |u_{2,0}|^2 dx$$

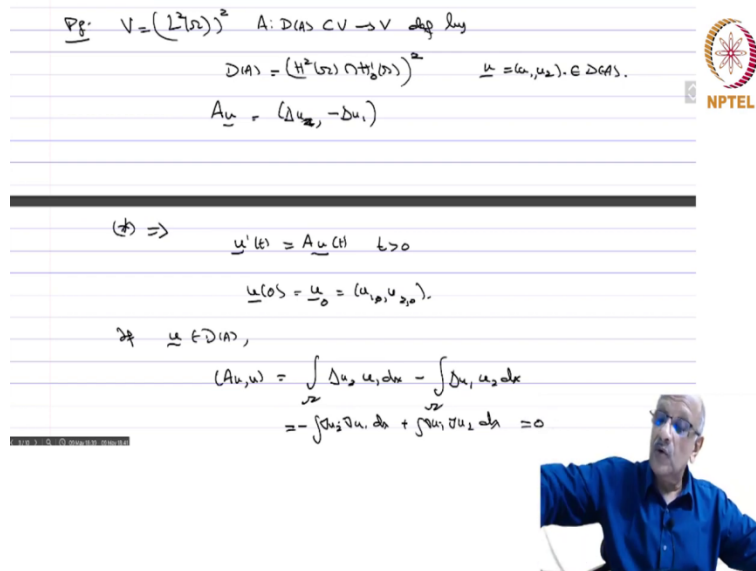
So, this is for all t greater than 0. So, this is the theorem which we have. So,

**Proof.** So, we take  $V = (L^2(\Omega))^2$  and  $A: D(A) \subset V \rightarrow V$  to be defined by

$$D(A) = (H^2(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega))^2,$$

$$Au = (\Delta u_2, -\Delta u_1), \quad u = (u_1, u_2) \in D(A).$$

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$\text{Pg. } V = (L^2(\Omega))^2 \quad A: D(A) \subset V \rightarrow V \text{ def by}$   
 $D(A) = (H^1_0(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega))^2 \quad u = (u_1, u_2) \in D(A).$   
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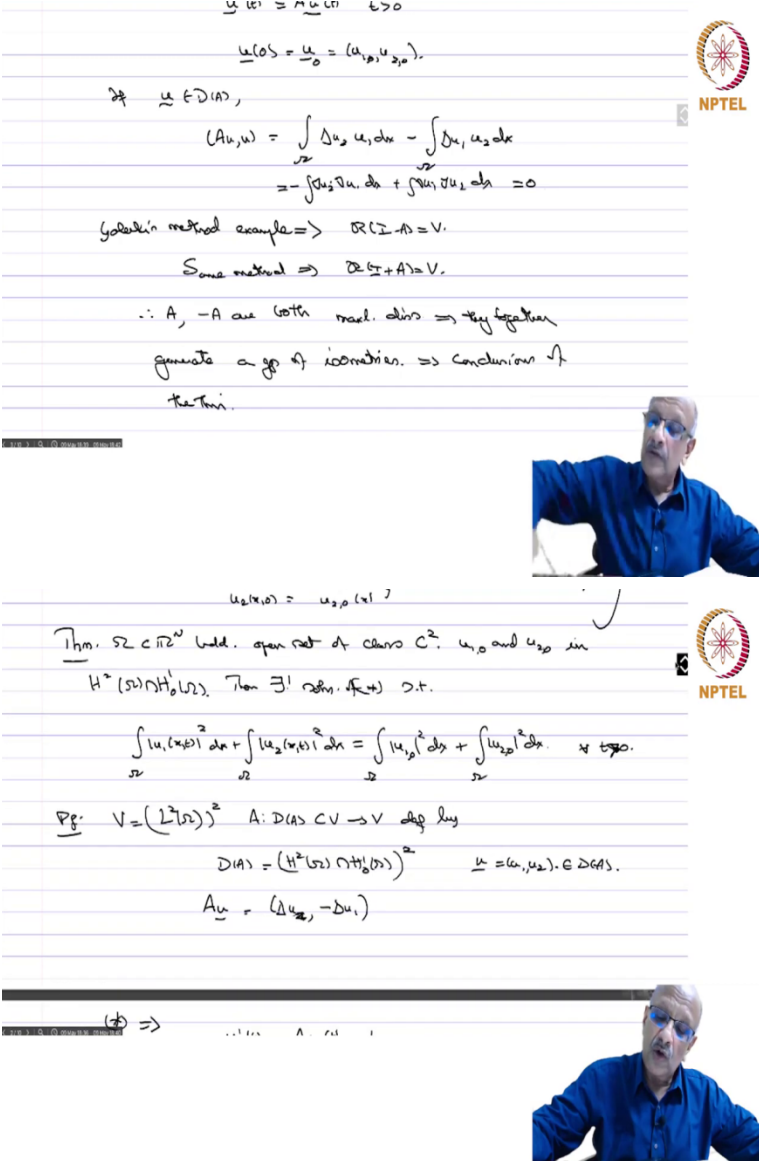
$(*) \Rightarrow \quad u'(t) = Au(t) \quad t > 0$   
 $u(0) = u_0 = (u_{1,0}, u_{2,0}).$   
 $\text{If } u \in D(A),$   
 $(Au, u) = \int_{\Omega} \Delta u_2 u_1 dx - \int_{\Omega} \Delta u_1 u_2 dx$   
 $= - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_2 \cdot \nabla u_1 dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_1 \cdot \nabla u_2 dx = 0$

So, this is the thing then star implies that  $u'(t)$  equals  $Au(t)$ . So,  $du_1$  by  $dt$   $du_2$  by  $dt$  that is  $u'(t)$  equals  $\Delta u_2$  plus  $\Delta u_1$  and so, that is equal  $\Delta u_2$  minus  $\Delta u_1$  when you take it to the other side and therefore, that will give you precise the  $\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2}$  by  $dt$   $t$  greater than 0 and  $u$  of 0 equals  $u_0$  equals  $u_{1,0}, u_{2,0}$ .

So, if you belongs to  $D(A)$  then you have a

$$(Au, u) = \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u_2) u_1 dx - \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u_1) u_2 dx = 0.$$

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$\underline{u}(\epsilon) = \underline{u}(\epsilon) \quad \epsilon > 0$   
 $\underline{u}(\epsilon) = \underline{u}_\epsilon = (u_{1,\epsilon}, u_{2,\epsilon})$   
 $\underline{u} \in D(A)$   
 $(A\underline{u}, \underline{u}) = \int_\Omega \Delta u_1 u_1 dx - \int_\Omega \Delta u_2 u_2 dx$   
 $= - \int_\Omega \nabla u_1 \cdot \nabla u_1 dx + \int_\Omega \nabla u_2 \cdot \nabla u_2 dx = 0$   
 Galerkin method example  $\Rightarrow R(I - A) = V$   
 Same method  $\Rightarrow R(I + A) = V$   
 $\therefore A, -A$  are both max. divs  $\Rightarrow$  they together  
 generate a gp of isometries.  $\Rightarrow$  conclusion of  
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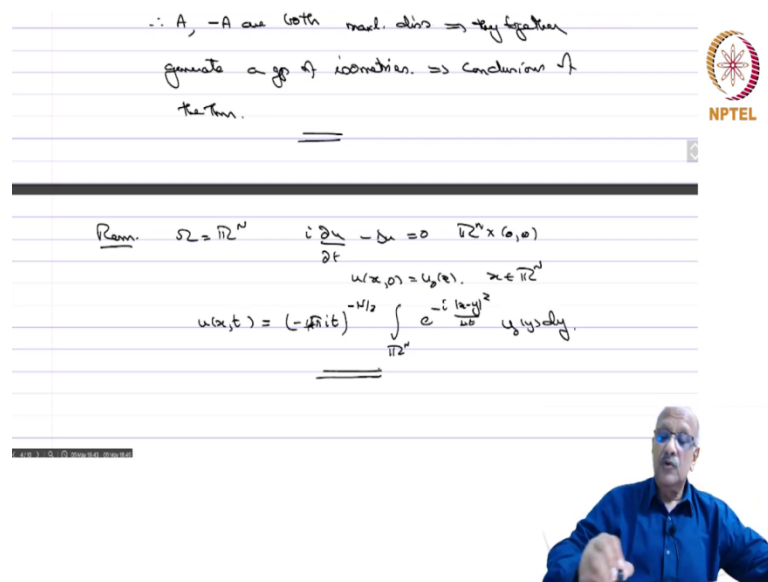
$u_{1,\epsilon}(x) = u_{1,0}(x)$   
 Thm.  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  bdd. open set of class  $C^2$ .  $u_{1,0}$  and  $u_{2,0}$  in  
 $H^1(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Then  $\exists!$  soln.  $\underline{u}(\epsilon)$  s.t.  
 $\int_\Omega |u_{1,\epsilon}(x)|^2 dx + \int_\Omega |u_{2,\epsilon}(x)|^2 dx = \int_\Omega |u_{1,0}|^2 dx + \int_\Omega |u_{2,0}|^2 dx$  & eqs.  
 Pf.  $V = (L^2(\Omega))^2$   $A: D(A) \subset V \rightarrow V$  def by  
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$(\Phi) \Rightarrow$  ...

Now, if you go back to the Galerkin method example. This implies if you go and look at that it precisely says  $R(I - A) = V$  and same method will implies  $R(I - A) = V$  therefore,  $A$  and  $-A$  are both. So, you just go to the previous chapter where they gave you an example of the Galerkin method I mentioned that will be useful in the solution Schrodinger equation and that is exactly if you look at right range (09:22) that is exactly what we proved there exists a unique solution to that we did not use a Laxman lemma we use the Galerkin method instead.

So,  $A$  and  $-A$  are both maximal dissipative implies they together generate a group of isometries and this implies conclusions of the theorem. So, if you notice in the domain which it is which we are given  $u_0$  is in the domain. So,  $u_{1,0}$  and  $u_{2,0}$  or both in  $H^2 \cap H^1_0$ . So,  $u_0$  is in the domain and then you have and this is a condition which says that it is an isometry it preserves the norm of the initial value throughout the thing. So, this represents this solution. So, therefore, you have a unique solution for the Schrodinger equation by through its real and imaginary parts.

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∴  $A, -A$  are both max. diss.  $\Rightarrow$  they together generate a gr. of isometries.  $\Rightarrow$  conclusion of the thm.

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Rem.  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^N$   $i \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N \times (0, \infty)$   
 $u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N$   
 $u(x, t) = (-i\pi t)^{-N/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-\frac{i|x-y|^2}{4t}} u_0(y) dy.$

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So, the Schrodinger equation looks like the heat equation, but it solves use methods like the wave equation here. And

**Remark:** If  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^N$  then you have

$$i \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^N \times (0, \infty),$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

no boundary terms now. So, then you can write as using the Fourier transform you can then show that

$$u(x, t) = (-4\pi it)^{-\frac{N}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{-i\frac{|x-y|^2}{4t}} u_0(y) dy.$$

So, this is the solution of the Schrodinger equation in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and again you will have that  $u$  of  $L^2$  norm will be preserved. So, this is about the Schrodinger equation and we will. So, that brings us to the end of the examples which I wanted to talk about.