

Section 3.5 A PDE with no solutions.

Lemma 3.23 Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$. The only twice-differentiable function $u: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies the following inequality is $u \equiv 0$:

$$-|x|^2 \Delta u \geq u^2$$

Eg. u harmonic then $0 \geq u^2 \Rightarrow u \equiv 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet u = Cx^n & \quad \Delta u = Cn(n-1)x^{n-2} \\ \text{LHS} = -Cn(n-1)x^n & \quad \text{RHS} = C^2x^{2n} \end{aligned}$$

$$n = -3 \quad x^{-3} \quad \text{vs} \quad x^{-6}$$

Consider the PDE

$$\boxed{-|x|^2 \Delta u = u^2 + 1}$$

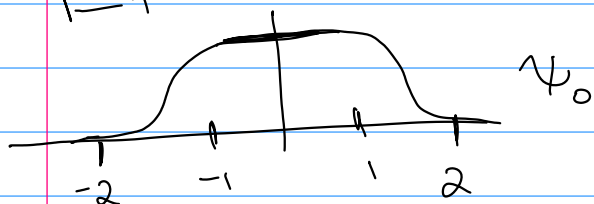
2nd order, smooth analytic coefficients. $|x|^2 = (x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2 + \dots + (x_n)^2$

If we had a solⁿ

$$-|x|^2 \Delta u = u^2 + 1 \geq u^2$$

$$u \equiv 0 \quad \text{but this is not a sol}^n \quad 0 \neq 1 \quad \times$$

proof



ψ_0

$$\text{supp } \psi_0 \subset [-2, 2]$$

but also

$$\text{for } |t| \leq 1 \quad \psi_0 \equiv 1$$

$$\psi_R(r) = \psi_0(R \ln r)$$



$$\varphi_R(x) = \psi_R(|x|)$$

$$x \in \text{supp } \varphi_R \Leftrightarrow R \ln |x| \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow \{e^{-2R} \leq |x| \leq e^{2R}\} = A_R$$

$$A'_R = \{ e^{-R} \leq |x| \leq e^R \} \quad \text{on } A'_R, \varphi_R \equiv 1$$

$$\underline{I_R} := \int_{A'_R} \frac{u^2}{|x|^2} = \int_{A'_R} \frac{u^2}{|x|^2} \varphi_R \leq \int_{A_R} \frac{u^2}{|x|^2} \varphi_R =: J_R$$

$$J_R = \int_{A_R} \frac{u^2}{|x|^2} \varphi_R \leq \int_{A_R} -\Delta u \varphi_R = \int_{A_R} -u \Delta \varphi_R$$

$$\int_{A_R} \Delta u \varphi_R - u \Delta \varphi_R = \int_{\partial A_R} \left[\varphi_R \frac{\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{N}}{0} - u \frac{\nabla \varphi_R \cdot \mathbf{N}}{0} \right] \cdot \mathbf{N} d\sigma$$

$$= \int_{A_R} \frac{-u \sqrt{\varphi_R}}{|x|} \cdot \frac{|x| \Delta \varphi_R}{\sqrt{\varphi_R}} = \left\langle \frac{-u \sqrt{\varphi_R}}{|x|}, \frac{|x| \Delta \varphi_R}{\sqrt{\varphi_R}} \right\rangle_{L^2}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz $a \cdot b \leq |a| |b|$ all inner products including L^2 :

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2} = \int f g \quad \|f\|_{L^2} = \left(\int f^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\leq \left\| \frac{-u \sqrt{\varphi_R}}{|x|} \right\|_{L^2} \left\| \frac{|x| \Delta \varphi_R}{\sqrt{\varphi_R}} \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$= \left(\int_{A_R} \frac{u^2 \varphi_R}{|x|^2} \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{A_R} \frac{|x|^2 (\Delta \varphi_R)^2}{\varphi_R} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= J_R^{1/2} \left(\int_{A_R} \frac{|x|^2 (\Delta \varphi_R)^2}{\varphi_R} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$J_R / J_R^{1/2} \leq \left(\int_{A_R} \frac{|x|^2 (\Delta \varphi_R)^2}{\varphi_R} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$J_R \leq \int_{A_R} \frac{|x|^2 (\Delta \varphi_R)^2}{\varphi_R} \quad \text{independent of } u$$

$$\varphi_R = \psi_0 \left(R^{-1} \ln |x| \right) \quad \text{weird scaling}$$

$$\Delta \varphi_R = \psi_0'' \left(R^{-1} \ln |x| \right) \frac{1}{R^2 |x|^2}$$

$$J_R \leq \int_{A_R} \frac{[\psi_0''(R^{-1} \ln |x|)]^2}{R^4 |x|^2 \psi_0(R^{-1} \ln |x|)} dx.$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{e^{-2R}}^{e^{2R}} \frac{[\psi_0''(R^{-1} \ln r)]^2}{R^4 r^2 \psi_0(R^{-1} \ln r)} r dr d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{R^4} \int_{e^{-2R}}^{e^{2R}} \frac{[\psi_0''(R^{-1} \ln r)]^2}{\psi_0(R^{-1} \ln r)} \underbrace{r}_{dr} \underbrace{d\theta}_{d\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &= R^{-1} \ln r \\ dt &= R^{-1} \frac{dr}{r} \\ r &= e^{2R} & t &= R^{-1} 2R = 2 \\ r &= e^{-2R} & t &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{R^4} \int_{-2}^2 \frac{[\psi_0''(t)]^2}{\psi_0(t)} R dt$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{R^3} \int_{-2}^2 \frac{[\psi_0''(t)]^2}{\psi_0(t)} dt$$

There is a choice of ψ_0 such that the integral is finite

$$= 2\pi C R^{-3}$$

$$I_R = \int_{A'_R} \frac{u^2}{|x|^2} \leq 2\pi C R^{-3}$$

Choose any point $x \in \Omega$.

Choose S so that $A'_S \ni x$

For any $S < R$ $0 \leq I_S \leq I_R \leq 2\pi C R^{-3}$

$\Rightarrow I_S = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{u^2}{|x|^2} = 0$ on $A'_S \Rightarrow u(x) = 0$ \square