

## Section 4.2 Fundamental Solution

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} \otimes_x h(x)$$

Laplace equation  $-\Delta u = f$  had sol<sup>n</sup>  $u = \mathbb{F} * f$

Definition 4.5 Fundamental sol<sup>n</sup> of heat equation

$$\mathbb{F}(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} & t > 0 \\ 0 & t \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

• Solves the heat equation except at  $(0,0)$  (exercise)

•  $\mathbb{F}(ax, a^2t) = a^{-n} \mathbb{F}(x,t)$

• Lemma 4.6 for  $t > 0$   $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{F}(x,t) dx = 1$

proof

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{F}(x,t) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} dx$$

$$y_i = \frac{x_i}{2\sqrt{t}} \quad dy = \frac{1}{(2\sqrt{t})^n} dx$$

$$|y|^2 = \frac{|x|^2}{4t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-|y|^2} (\overbrace{(4t)^{n/2}}^n) dy$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(4t)^{n/2}}}{(\cancel{4\pi t})^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-|y|^2} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi^{n/2}} \pi^{n/2}$$

$$= 1$$

□

Theorem 4.7

For  $h \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$  define  $u(x,t) = \Phi(x,t) *_{x} h(x)$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t) h(y) dy.$$

(i)  $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+)$   $t > 0$

(ii)  $\dot{u} - \Delta u = 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+$

(iii)  $u$  extends continuously to  $\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty)$  with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(x,t) = h(x)$ .

In other words  $u$  is a smooth sol<sup>n</sup> to

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+ \\ \text{and } u(x,0) = h(x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases} \text{ Cauchy problem.}$$

Proof

$$\partial (f * g) = (\partial f) * g$$

$$(\partial_t - \Delta) u = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\partial_t - \Delta_x) (\Phi(x-y, t) h(y)) dy.$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{[(\partial_t - \Delta_x) \Phi(x-y, t)]}_{0} h(y) dy.$$

$$= 0.$$

(iii) Choose a compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$h$  is cts  $\Rightarrow$  uniformly cts on  $K$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x, y \in K \text{ if } |x-y| < \delta \Rightarrow |h(x) - h(y)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0, \delta)} \Phi(y, t) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0, \delta)} t^{-n/2} \Phi\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{t}}, 1\right) dy.$$

$$z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} y \quad dz = t^{-n/2} dy$$

$$y \in B(0, \delta) \quad z \in B(0, \delta/\sqrt{t})$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0, \delta/\sqrt{t})} \cancel{t^{-n/2}} \Phi(z, 1) \cancel{t^{n/2}} dz$$

When  $t$  is small  $\delta/\sqrt{t}$  is big so  $B(0, \delta/\sqrt{t})$  is big

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(z, 1) dz = 1. \quad \text{As } t \rightarrow \infty \int_{B(0, \delta/\sqrt{t})} \Phi(z, 1) dz \rightarrow 1.$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0, \delta/\sqrt{t})} \Phi \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\exists T \text{ so that } 0 < t < T \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0, \delta/\sqrt{t})} \Phi(z, 1) dz < \varepsilon.$$

Consider  $x \in K$

$$|u(x, t) - h(x)| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t) h(y) dy - h(x) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t) dy \right|$$

$$= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t) [h(y) - h(x)] dy \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t) |h(y) - h(x)| dy.$$

$$= \int_{B(x, \delta)} \Phi(x-y, t) \underbrace{|h(y) - h(x)|}_{< \varepsilon} dy$$

$$+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(x, \delta)} \Phi(x-y, t) \underbrace{|h(y) - h(x)|}_{\leq |h(y)| + |h(x)|} dy$$

$$\leq |h(y)| + |h(x)|$$

$$\leq 2\|h\|_{\infty}$$

$$z = x - y$$

$$< \varepsilon \int_{B(x, \delta)} \underline{\Phi}(x-y, t) dy + 2\|h\|_{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0, \delta)} \underline{\Phi}(z, t) dz$$

$< 1$ 
 $< \varepsilon$  when  $t < T$

$$< \varepsilon + 2\|h\|_{\infty} \varepsilon = \varepsilon (1 + 2\|h\|_{\infty}) = \varepsilon'$$

$u \rightarrow h$  uniformly on  $x \in K$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . □

"magic formula of Fourier analysis"  $u, v \in S$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{u}(k) v(k) e^{2\pi i k \cdot x} dk = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(y) e^{-2\pi i k \cdot y} dy \right) v(k) e^{2\pi i k \cdot x} dk$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(y) v(k) e^{2\pi i k \cdot \left( \frac{x-y}{-z} \right)} dy dk$$

$$z = y - x \quad y = z + x \quad dy = dz$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(z+x) v(k) e^{-2\pi i k \cdot z} dz dk$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(z+x) \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v(k) e^{-2\pi i z \cdot k} dk \right] dz$$

$\hat{v}(z)$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(z+x) \hat{v}(z) dz$$

The trick to get the inverse Fourier transform is to put

$$\hat{v}(x) = \mathbb{F}(x, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{(4\pi\varepsilon)^{n/2}} e^{-|x|^2/4\varepsilon}$$

$$v(k) = e^{-4\pi^2|k|^2\varepsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{u}(k) e^{-4\pi^2|k|^2\varepsilon} e^{2\pi i k \cdot x} dk &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{u(z+x)}_y \mathbb{F}(z, \varepsilon) dz && \text{Thm 4.7} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(y) \mathbb{F}(y-x, \varepsilon) dy. && \swarrow \end{aligned}$$

By 4.7(iii) as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  RHS  $\rightarrow u(x)$

$$u(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{u}(k) e^{2\pi i k \cdot x} dk.$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{u}](x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{u}(k) e^{2\pi i k \cdot x} dk. \quad \text{only difference is } \pm.$$

$$\mathcal{F}[uv] = \hat{u} * \hat{v}$$

$$uv = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{u} * \hat{v}] \quad \text{basically } \mathcal{F}[\hat{u} * \hat{v}]$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{u}(k) v(k) dk = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(z) \hat{v}(z) dz.$$

$$F_{\hat{u}}(v) = F_u(\hat{v})$$

We should define  $\hat{F}(\phi) = F(\hat{\phi})$

The issue is  $\hat{\phi}$  might not be a test function; it's not fixable.

We have to find special distributions where this is valid, we need to find distributions that can act on Schwartz functions

### Definition 4.8

$\phi_m$  a sequence of test function  $\phi_m \rightarrow 0$  in  $S$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho_{l,\alpha}(\phi_m) = 0 \text{ for all } l, \alpha$$

$\mathcal{D}$  test  
 $\mathcal{D}'$  distribution

$$\text{Recall } \rho_{l,\alpha}(\phi) = \sup_{\mathbb{R}^n} |x|^{2l} |\partial^\alpha \phi|$$

We call a distribution  $F$  "tempered" or  $F \in S'$  if for all  $\phi_m \in \mathcal{D}$   $\phi_m \rightarrow 0$  in  $S \Rightarrow \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(\phi_m) = 0$

A tempered distribution acts on  $\psi \in S$ ,  $\phi_m \rightarrow \psi$  in  $S$   $\phi_m \in \mathcal{D}$   
 $F(\psi) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(\phi_m)$ .

Note if  $\tilde{\phi}_m \rightarrow \psi$  in  $S$ .

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(\tilde{\phi}_m) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(\tilde{\phi}_m - \phi_m + \phi_m) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(\underbrace{\tilde{\phi}_m - \phi_m}_{\rightarrow 0}) + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(\phi_m) = 0 + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(\phi_m)$$

If  $F \in S'$  we define  $\hat{F}(\phi) = F(\hat{\phi})$

What are examples of tempered distributions?

- Distributions associated to polynomials  $x, x^2, \dots$
- " "  $\sin x, \cos x$
- Dirac distributions

$$\mathcal{F}[1] = \delta$$

$\partial_t u - \Delta u = f(x,t)$  inhomogeneous

$\mathcal{F} \downarrow$   
 $\partial_t \hat{u} - (2\pi i)^2 |k|^2 \hat{u} = \hat{f}(k,t)$

$$\partial_t \hat{u} + 4\pi^2 |k|^2 \hat{u} = \hat{f}$$

$$e^{4\pi^2 |k|^2 t} \partial_t \hat{u} + 4\pi^2 |k|^2 e^{4\pi^2 |k|^2 t} \hat{u} = e^{4\pi^2 |k|^2 t} \hat{f}$$

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$$\partial_t \left[ e^{4\pi^2 |k|^2 t} \hat{u} \right]$$

$$e^{4\pi^2 |k|^2 t} \hat{u} = \int_0^t e^{4\pi^2 |k|^2 s} \hat{f}(k,s) ds + \hat{h}(k)$$

$$\hat{u}(k,t) = \underbrace{e^{-4\pi^2 |k|^2 t} \hat{h}(k)}_{\text{sol}^n \text{ to homog}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t e^{-4\pi^2 |k|^2 (t-s)} \hat{f}(k,s) ds}_{\text{new.}}$$

$\mathcal{F}^{-1} \downarrow$

$$u(x,t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[ e^{-4\pi^2 |k|^2 t} \right] * h(x) + \int_0^t \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[ \quad \right] ds.$$

for  $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty), \mathbb{R})$

we assert that the follow is an inhomogeneous sol<sup>n</sup>. (Thm 4.9)

$$u(x,t) = \int_0^t \Phi(x, t-s) * f(x,s) ds$$

$$= \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t-s) f(y,s) dy ds.$$

proof

$$u_\varepsilon(x,t) = \int_0^{t-\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t-s) f(y,s) dy ds.$$

$$\partial_t u_\varepsilon = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t - (t-\varepsilon)) f(y, t-\varepsilon) dy$$

$$+ \int_0^{t-\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial_t \Phi(x-y, t-s) f(y,s) dy ds.$$

$$\Delta u_\varepsilon = \int_0^{t-\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta \Phi(x-y, t-s) f(y,s) dy ds.$$

$$(\partial_t - \Delta) u_\varepsilon = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, t - (t-\varepsilon)) f(y, t-\varepsilon) dy$$

$$+ \int_0^{t-\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{(\partial_t - \Delta) \Phi(x-y, t-s)}_0 f(y,s) ds.$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y, \varepsilon) f(y, t-\varepsilon) dy$$

Thm 4.7(iii) implies  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\partial_t - \Delta) u_\varepsilon = f(y, t-0) = f$ .

$$\rightarrow (\partial_t - \Delta) \left( \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} u_\varepsilon \right) = (\partial_t - \Delta) u \quad \square$$



Consider now

$$u(x,t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y,t) h(y) dy. \quad \leftarrow u_1$$
$$+ \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x-y,t-s) f(y,s) dy ds. \quad \leftarrow u_2$$

PDE:

$$(\partial_t - \Delta) u = (\partial_t - \Delta) u_1 + (\partial_t - \Delta) u_2$$
$$= 0 + f = f$$

Initial cond

$$u(x,0) = h(x) + 0 = h$$

Solves Cauchy problem on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for inhomogeneous heat equation