

If  $u \in C^2(\Omega)$  then  $u_{xy} = u_{yx}$   
 i.e.  $D_{12}u = D_{21}u$ .

If  $u \in C^4(\Omega)$ , then

$$D_{1337}u = D_{3137}u = D_{7331}u \text{ etc.}$$

If  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^8$ , these derivatives  
 are written as

$$D_{(1,0,2,0,0,0,1,0)} u.$$

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Classifying PDE.

$$F(x, u, Du, D^2u, \dots, D^k u) = 0 \text{ (1)}$$

The order is the order of  
 the highest partial occurring:  
 in (1), this is  $k$ .

(A) The PDE (1) is called  
linear if it has the form

$$\sum_{|a| \leq k} a_a(x) \dots$$

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$$L = \sum_{|a| \leq k} \dots$$

If  $f \equiv 0$ ,

homogeneous,  
inhomogeneous

e.g.  $x^2 u + A$

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha u = f(x)$$

(i.e. the operator

$$L = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha \text{ is linear.})$$

If  $f \equiv 0$ , the eq. is homogeneous, otherwise inhomogeneous.

e.g.  $x^2 u + \Delta u = 0$ .

$$x^2 D^{(0)} u + 1 \cdot D^{(2,0)} u + 1 D^{(0,2)} u = 0 \quad \text{e.g.: } x^2 u$$

2nd order linear:

$$u_{xx} + x^2 \sin x u = 0 \text{ is}$$

3rd order linear.

ⓑ ⓐ is called semilinear if

it has the form:

$$\sum_{|\alpha| = k} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha u + b(x, u, D u, \dots, D^{k-1} u) = 0$$

e.g.:  $x^2 u_{xxx} + (u_{xx})^2 u^7 + \sin^2 x = 0$

3rd order semilinear.

⊙ ⊙ is called quasi-linear if it has the form

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=k} a_\alpha(x, u, D_\alpha u, \dots, D^{k-1} u) D^\alpha u + b(x, u, D_\alpha u, \dots, D^{k-1} u) = 0.$$

$$(x^2 + y^2)(u_{xy}^2 + u_{yy}^7) u_{xxx} + u^7 u_{xy} + \sin(u_{xy} + u_{yy}) + x^7 = 0$$

is 3rd order  
⊙ ⊙ is nonlinear  
on the derivatives  
in a nonlinear fashion  
 $u_{xx}^2 + u_{yy}^2$   
2nd order

is 3rd order quasi-linear.

⊙ ⊙ is called fully nonlinear: it depends

on the highest order derivatives in a nonlinear fashion

$$u_{xx}^2 + u_{yy}^2 - 2(u_{xy})^2 + 7uu^2 = 0$$

2nd order fully nonlinear.

Warm-up  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$ : put  
 $u(x) = v(r)$ , where  $r = |x|$   
 = distance from zero to  $x$ :  
 can also write as  $\|x\|$ ).

Note  $u: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ;

$v: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$$r = |x| = (x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{1/2}$$

AIM:

i.e.

find a  
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Note:

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x_i^2 + \dots)$$

$$= x_i / r$$

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$|x|$

$x$ :

AIM: find  $v$  s.t.  $\Delta v = 0$ ,

i.e.  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_{ii} u = 0$ , i.e.,

find a radially symmetric  
 harmonic function.

Note:  $D_i r = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i}$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x_i$$

$$= x_i / r \quad (r \neq 0)$$

Chain rule

$$D_i u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$$

$$D_{ii} u = D$$

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Using  $D_i(fg)$

i.e. prod

Chain rule  $\Rightarrow$

$$D_i u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i}$$
$$= v'(r) \frac{x_i}{r} \quad \oplus$$

$$D_{ii} u = D_i(D_i u)$$
$$= D_i\left(v'(r) \frac{x_i}{r}\right) \text{ via } \oplus$$
$$= D_i(v'(r)) \cdot \frac{x_i}{r} + v'(r) \cdot D_i\left(\frac{x_i}{r}\right)$$

Using  $D_i(fg) = (D_i f)g + f D_i g$   
i.e. product rule.

To evaluate  $D_i(v'(r))$ , use  $\oplus$ , but with  $v'$  in place of  $v$ .

$$\Rightarrow D_{ii} u = \left( (v')'(r) \frac{x_i}{r} \right) \frac{x_i}{r}$$
$$+ v'(r) \cdot \left( \frac{r \cdot 1 - x_i \cdot x_i / r}{r^2} \right)$$
$$= v''(r) \frac{x_i^2}{r^2} + v'(r) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{x_i^2}{r^3} \right)$$

$$\Delta u = 0 \text{ says } \sum D_{ii} u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v''(r) \frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{r^2} + v'(r) \left( \frac{n}{r} - \frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{r^3} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{v''(r) + \frac{(n-1)}{r} v'(r) = 0. \oplus\oplus}$$