

## Recap Poisson Kernel

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)) r^n$$

where u solves

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{on } D(a) \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial D(a) = S^1(a) \\ u(a, \theta) = g(\theta) \end{cases}$$



Euler:  $e^{it} = \cos(t) + i\sin(t)$

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n r^{|n|} e^{-in\theta}$$

with  $c_n$  determined by BVP:  $\Rightarrow u(r, \theta) = g(\theta)$

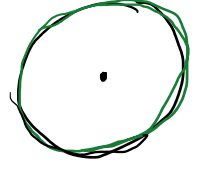
$$c_n = a^{-|n|} \int_0^{2\pi} g(\varphi) e^{-in\varphi} d\varphi$$

Define u through Poisson kernel

$$u(r, \theta) = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) \int_0^{2\pi} g(\varphi) P\left(\frac{r}{a}, \theta - \varphi\right) d\varphi, \text{ where}$$

$$P(r, t) = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos(t) + r^2}$$

Poisson Kernel!



### 2 Properties

1) Mean value property

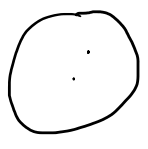
$$r \rightarrow 0 \quad P(0, \theta - \varphi) \equiv 1 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$u(0, \theta) = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) \int_0^{2\pi} g(\varphi) d\varphi$$

2) Min-max principle

$$\min_{\partial \Omega} u \leq u(r, \theta) \leq \max_{\partial \Omega} u$$

if there is an interior max or min then u is constant.



( $\Omega$  is closed & bounded,  $\Rightarrow$  compact)  $\Rightarrow$  u assumes a min & max

$$t=0 \quad P(r, 0) = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 + r^2 - 2r} = \frac{(1+r)(1-r)}{(1-r)(1+r)} = \frac{1+r}{1-r}$$

12.1. Laplace equation For each of the following 5 statements you have to establish whether it is true or false.

Insert your answers in the following grid. Write clearly T if the statement is true and F if the statement is false. We will accept also R if the statement is richtig (which is the German word for true).

Only the answers in the grid will be taken into consideration for grading.

Question	1	2	3	4	5
Answer	F	T	T	T	F

In this exercise,  $\Delta = \partial_{xx} + \partial_{yy}$  is the Laplace operator in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

1. If  $\Delta u = 0$  and  $\Delta v = 0$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , then for any real-valued smooth functions  $c_1, c_2: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\Delta(c_1 u + c_2 v) = 0.$$

2. If  $\Delta u = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $\Delta(\partial_x u) = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

3. Let  $D := \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 4\}$ . There exist infinitely many functions  $u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 5 & \text{in } D \\ u(1, 1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

4. Let  $D := \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ . If  $u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  solves

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } D, \\ u(x, y) = 2 - x^3 & \text{for } (x, y) \in \partial D, \end{cases}$$

then  $u(0, \frac{1}{2}) > 1$ .

5. Let  $D := \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ . If  $u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  solves

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } D, \\ u(x, y) = \sin \theta & \text{for } (x, y) \in \partial D, \end{cases}$$

then  $u(0, 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

1.)  $c_1, c_2$  constant?  
 $\Rightarrow \Delta(c_1 u + c_2 v) = c_1 \Delta u + c_2 \Delta v$  ✓

Counter example:

$$u = 1, v = 0.$$

$$c_1(x, y) = x^2, c_2(x, y) = 1 = 0$$

$$\Delta(x^2) = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \Delta(\partial_x u) &= \partial_x^2 \partial_x u + \partial_y^2 \partial_x u \\ &= \partial_x (\partial_x^2 u) + \partial_x (\partial_y^2 u) \\ &= \partial_x (\partial_x^2 u + \partial_y^2 u) \\ &= \partial_x (\Delta u) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$k \geq 0$  arbitrarily

$$u^{(k)}(x, y) = \operatorname{Re} \left( (x + iy)^k - (i + 1) \right) + \frac{5}{2} (x-1)^2 + \dots$$

$$\Delta u_1 = 0 \quad \Delta u_3 = 0 \quad \Delta u_2 = 5$$

for every  $k \geq 0$  there is a solution!

$$2 - x^3 \geq 2 - 1 \Rightarrow g \geq 1.$$

$$\text{Min/Max} \Rightarrow u(0, 1/2) \geq 1$$

General strategy for 3) in constructing infinitely many solutions:

1.) Construct infinitely many solutions  $u_1^{(k)}$  that satisfy  $\Delta u_1^{(k)} = 0, u_1^{(k)}(1, 1) = 0$

2.) Construct a  $u_2$  that solves the inhomogeneous problem:  $\Delta u_2 = 5$

3.) Calculate  $u_1^{(k)}(1, 1) + u_2(1, 1) = u_2(1, 1)$

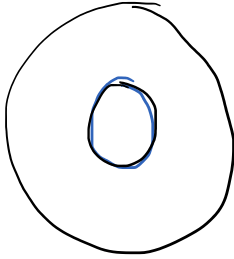
4.) Subtract the constant  $u_2(1, 1)$  if necessary (this was the function  $u_3(x, y) = -u_2(1, 1)$  in my example).

5.) Final solution:  $u^{(k)}(x, y) = u_1^{(k)}(x, y) + u_2(x, y) + u_3(x, y) = u_1^{(k)}(x, y) + u_2(x, y) - u_2(1, 1)$

Achtung!!! In our case  $u_2(1, 1) = 0$  so we don't need to subtract.  $u_2(1, 1)$  of the final solution (I thought  $u_2(1, 1) = -1$  initially)

12.3. Laplace equation in an annulus Let  $D := \{(x, y) : 1 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < 2\}$ . Find the solution  $u : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of the following problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } D, \\ u(1, \theta) = 2 \sin(2\theta) & \text{for } 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi, \\ u(2, \theta) = 3 \cos(3\theta) & \text{for } 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi. \end{cases}$$



Visualize ①  $-\sin(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(-x)$

$u$  is still harmonic on  $D$ .  
 → We can use its general form  
 $u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)) r^n$

First boundary condition

$$u(1, \theta) = 2 \sin(2\theta) \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta) = 2 \sin(2\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n=0 & \quad a_0 = 0, \quad b_0 = 0 \\ n \geq 1 & \quad a_n + a_{-n} = 0 \\ n=1, n > 2 & \quad b_n - b_{-n} = 0 \\ & \quad b_2 - b_{-2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Second boundary condition

$$u(2, \theta) = 3 \cos(3\theta)$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)) 2^n = 3 \cos(3\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 = b_0 & = 0 \\ 2^n b_n - 2^{-n} b_{-n} & = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1 \\ 2^n a_n + 2^{-n} a_{-n} & = 0 \quad \text{for } n=1, 2, 4, > 3 \\ 8a_3 + \frac{1}{8}a_{-3} & = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} 8a_3 + \frac{1}{8}a_{-3} = 3 \\ a_3 + a_{-3} = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} a_3 &= \frac{24}{63} \\ a_{-3} &= -\frac{24}{63} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} b_2 - b_{-2} = 2 \\ 4b_2 - \frac{1}{4}b_{-2} = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} b_2 &= \frac{-2}{15} \\ b_{-2} &= \frac{-32}{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{24}{13} (r^3 - r^{-3}) \cos(3\theta) + \frac{1}{15} (-2r^2 + 32r^{-2}) \sin(2\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{-3} \cos(3\theta)) r^{-3} + (a_{-2} \cos(-2\theta)) r^{-2} + \dots \\ & \dots + a_2 \cos(2\theta) r^2 + (a_3 \cos(3\theta)) r^3 \\ & = 3 \cos(3\theta) \end{aligned}$$