

## Announcements

- In person next week (hopefully?)
  - 2025 CIF
- discussion invites
- HW1

## Examples: Order, Linearity?

$$(xu^2)u_{xx} + (u_x + y)u_{yy} + u_x^3 + yu_y = f$$

quasi-linear, 2nd order

$$(x + y + z)u_x + (z^2)u_y + (\sin x)u_z = f$$

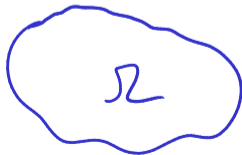
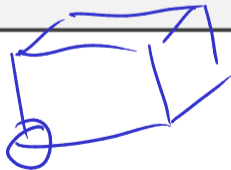
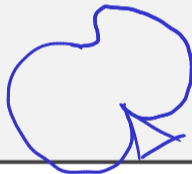
semi-linear, 1st order

# Properties of Domains

$$u(t, x) \quad x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$t \in [0, T]$$

on  
- Domain impact  $\checkmark$  existence of solution?

- corners
- reentrant corners
- cusps



# Function Spaces: Examples

↳ vector

Name some function spaces with their norms.



$C^0(\Omega)$  : continuous

$C^k(\Omega)$  :  $k$ -times continuously differentiable

$C^{0,\alpha}(\Omega)$  :  $\|f\|_\alpha = \|f\|_\infty + \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|}{\|x - y\|^\alpha}$   
↳ max abs value

$C_L(\Omega)$  : "Lipschitz cond"  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\|$

$L^2(\Omega) = \{u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \int_\Omega |u|^2 dx < \infty\}$   $\|f\|_2 = \sqrt{\dots}$

$H^1(\Omega) = \|f\|_2 + \|f'\|_2$

May also influence existence/uniqueness of solutions!

↳ weak derivative

# Solving PDEs



$$u(t, x) = U(\cdot) \cdot V(\cdot)$$

Closed-form solutions:

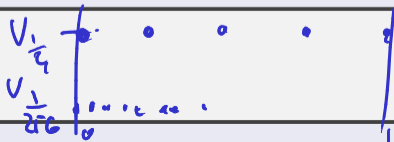
- ▶ If separation of variables applies to the domain: good luck with your ODE
- ▶ If not: Good luck!  $\rightarrow$  Numerics

## General Idea (that we will follow some of the time)

- ▶ Pick  $V_h \subseteq V$  finite-dimensional
  - ▶  $h$  is often a *mesh spacing*
- ▶ Approximate  $u$  through  $u_h \in V_h$
- ▶ Show:  $u_h \rightarrow u$  (in some sense) as  $h \rightarrow 0$

## Example

$$u(x) = \sin(x)$$



## About grand big unifying theories!

Is there a grand big unifying theory of PDEs?

NO

Collect some stamps

2D second-order linear

$$a(x, y)u_{xx} + 2b(x, y)u_{xy} + c(x, y)u_{yy} + d(x, y)u_x + e(x, y)u_y + f(x, y)u = g(x, y)$$

Discriminant value	Kind	Example
$b^2 - ac < 0$	Elliptic	Laplace $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$
$b^2 - ac = 0$	Parabolic	Heat $u_t = u_{xx}$
$b^2 - ac > 0$	Hyperbolic	Wave $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$

Where do these names come from?

search for characteristic curves

↳ see lecture notes by Hogg.

## PDE Classification in Other Cases

Scalar first order PDEs?

Hyperbolic

First order systems of PDEs?

all types (ell, par, hyp) are possible,  
see Hogg for classification



## Classification in higher dimensions

$\mathbb{R}^d$

$$Lu := \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \text{lower order terms}$$

Consider the matrix  $A(x) = (a_{ij}(x))_{i,j}$ . May assume  $A$  symmetric. Why?

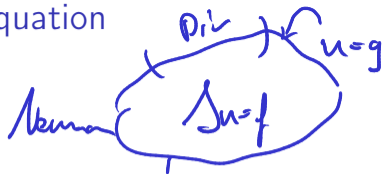
Schwarz's theorem

What cases can arise for the eigenvalues?

$\exists j: \lambda_j = 0$	parabolic case
$\lambda_j$ all have same sign	elliptic case
all but one have same sign	hyp
more than one with diff. sign	ultra-hyperbolic

$(\lambda_j)$  eigenvalues of  $A$

## Elliptic PDE: Laplace/Poisson Equation



$$\Delta u = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} = \nabla \cdot \nabla u(x) \stackrel{2D}{=} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x) \quad (x \in \Omega)$$

Called **Laplace equation** if  $f = 0$ . With **Dirichlet boundary condition**

$$u(x) = g(x) \quad (x \in \partial\Omega).$$

**Demo: Elliptic PDE Illustrating the Maximum Principle [cleared]**

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n u &= g && \text{("Neumann")} \\ \alpha u + \beta \partial_n u &= g && \text{("Robin")} \end{aligned}$$

# Elliptic PDEs: Singular Solution

$$\mathcal{L}u = \Delta u = \dots$$

Fundamental  
 $\& u = \Delta u = \delta$

## Demo: Elliptic PDE Radially Symmetric Singular Solution [cleared]

Given  $G(x) = C \log(|x|)$  as the **free-space Green's function**, can we construct the solution to the PDE with a more general  $f$ ?

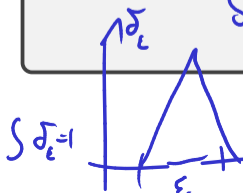
$\Delta G = \delta$   
 $\rightarrow \Delta u = f$

$$u(x) = (G * f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} G(x-y) f(y) dy$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta u = f$

What can we learn from this?

Solution is globally complex



$$\int \Delta u \varphi = - \int \delta \varphi$$

## Elliptic PDEs: Justifying the Singular Solution

$$u(x) = (G * f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(x-y)f(y)dy$$

Why?

$$\Delta G(x-y) = \delta(x-y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u(x) &= \Delta \int G(x-y)f(y)dy \\ &= \int \Delta G(x-y)f(y)dy \\ &= \int \delta(x-y)f(y)dy = f(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\int \delta$$

# Parabolic PDE: Heat Equation · Separation of Variables

Cap.  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \rightarrow u_t = u_{xx} \quad ((x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, T])$   
Wave  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad u(x, 0) = g(x) \quad (x \in [0, 1])$   
 $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \quad (t \in [0, T])$

$$u(x, t) = v(t) \cdot w(x)$$

Plug into PDE:  $v'(t) \cdot w(x) = v(t) \cdot w''(x)$

$$\frac{v'(t)}{v(t)} = C = \frac{w''(x)}{w(x)}$$

$$v'(t) = C \cdot v(t)$$

$$v(t) = \exp(-m^2 \pi^2 t)$$

$$w''(x) = C \cdot w(x)$$

$$w(x) = \alpha \cdot \sin(m \pi x)$$

$$\rightarrow C = -m^2 \pi^2$$

## Parabolic PDE: Solution Behavior

**Demo: Parabolic PDE** [cleared] What can we learn from analytic and numerical solution?

- "washes out" the solution

- fund. solution  $| \rightsquigarrow \Delta \rightarrow$   Gaussian

- data becomes smoother

## Hyperbolic PDE: Wave Equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} && ((x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times [0, T]) \\ u(x, 0) &= g(x) && (x \in \mathbb{R})\end{aligned}$$

with  $g(x) = \sin(\pi x)$ .

Is this problem well-posed?

Can be rewritten in **conservation law** form: