

Q1-1 (i) when $r \neq 0$

$$(a) \quad \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\frac{\underline{e}_r}{r^2}, \quad \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \times \frac{1}{r^2} \right) = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_{|\underline{x}| < a} \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) dV = \int_{|\underline{x}|=a} \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \cdot \underline{\vec{n}} ds = \int_{|\underline{x}|=a} -\frac{\underline{e}_r}{r^2} \cdot \underline{e}_r ds \\ = -\frac{1}{a^2} \int_{|\underline{x}|=a} ds = -4\pi$$

$$\text{Hence} \quad \nabla^2 \left(-\frac{1}{4\pi |\underline{x}|} \right) = \delta(\underline{x})$$

(b) (i) The vector identity

$$\nabla^2 \underline{B} = -\nabla \times (\underbrace{\nabla \times \underline{B}}_{\underline{u}}) + \nabla (\underbrace{\nabla \cdot \underline{B}}_{0})$$

$$\nabla^2 \underline{B} = -\nabla \times \underline{u} = -\underline{\omega}$$

(ii)

Use the Green function $-\frac{1}{4\pi |\underline{x}|}$

$$\underline{B}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\underline{\omega}(\underline{y})}{|\underline{x}-\underline{y}|} dV(\underline{y})$$

(iii)

$$\underline{u}(\underline{x}) = \nabla_{\underline{x}} \times \underline{B}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \nabla_{\underline{x}} \left(\frac{\underline{\omega}(\underline{y})}{|\underline{x}-\underline{y}|} \right) dV(\underline{y}) \\ = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \nabla_{\underline{x}} \left(\frac{1}{|\underline{x}-\underline{y}|} \right) \times \underline{\omega}(\underline{y}) dV(\underline{y}) \\ = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{(\underline{x}-\underline{y}) \times \underline{\omega}(\underline{y})}{|\underline{x}-\underline{y}|^3} dV(\underline{y})$$

Q2-1

(a) The most general semilinear 1st-order PDE is

$$a(x, y) u_x + b(x, y) u_y = f(x, y, u) \quad (1)$$

where $f(x, y, u)$ is a continuous function that depends nonlinearly on u .

Method of characteristics: consider a special family of curves C which satisfy: $\frac{dx}{ds} = a(x, y), \frac{dy}{ds} = b(x, y), \quad (2)$

then original PDE (1) can be replaced by the ODE

$$\frac{du}{ds} = f(x, y, u) \quad (3)$$

Eqs (2) are called the characteristic equations of (1)

Eqs (3) the compatibility condition.

(b) (i) characteristic $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \Rightarrow y = 3x + \xi$

Intersection with $y = \alpha x \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_0 = \frac{\xi}{\alpha - 3} = \frac{y - 3x}{\alpha - 3} \\ y_0 = \frac{\alpha \xi}{\alpha - 3} \end{cases}$

Compatibility condition

$$\frac{du}{dx} = u \Rightarrow \ln u - \ln(x_0) = x - x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u = k(x_0) e^x}$$

Cauchy

Condition: $u(x_0, y_0) = \cos(x_0) = k(x_0) e^{x_0}$

$$x_0 = \frac{y - 3x}{\alpha - 3} \Rightarrow k(x_0) = \cos\left(\frac{y - 3x}{\alpha - 3}\right) / e^{\left(\frac{y - 3x}{\alpha - 3}\right)}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \boxed{u(x, y) = \cos\left(\frac{y - 3x}{\alpha - 3}\right) e^{\left(\frac{\alpha x - y}{\alpha - 3}\right)}}$$

(ii) The solution becomes nondifferentiable when $\alpha = 3$, because all characteristics have slope $dy/dx = 3$. so when $\alpha = 3$ the Cauchy data line coincides with a characteristic.

Q2-2

(c) (i) characteristic $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$, $y = x + \xi$, $\boxed{\xi = y - x}$

Compatibility $\frac{du}{dx} = u^2$, $\frac{du}{u^2} = dx$

$$-\frac{1}{u(x, y)} + k(\xi) = x$$

Cauchy condition: $y=0$, $\xi = -x$

$$-\frac{1}{u(-\xi, 0)} + k(\xi) = -\xi$$

$$\frac{1}{\tanh(\xi)} + k(\xi) = -\xi$$

$$\boxed{k(\xi) = -\frac{1 + \xi \tanh(\xi)}{\xi \tanh(\xi)}}$$

$$\xi = y - x = -\frac{1}{u(x, y)} - \frac{1 + (y-x) \tanh(y-x)}{\tanh(y-x)} = x$$

$$\frac{1}{u(x, y)} = -\frac{1 + y \tanh(y-x)}{\tanh(y-x)}$$

$$\boxed{u(x, y) = \frac{\tanh(x-y)}{1 - y \tanh(x-y)}}$$

(ii) The solution becomes infinity at $y \tanh(x-y) = 1$.

The two asymptotes

① $y=1$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$.

② $y \rightarrow \infty$, $\tanh(x-y) = \frac{1}{y} \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \tanh(x-y) \sim x-y$$

$$\text{hence } \boxed{x \sim y + \frac{1}{y}} \Rightarrow \text{asymptotes } y=x$$

3. (a) Lagrangian:

$$L(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Cx - b^T x + (A\lambda)^T x - \lambda^T f$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

(b) Stationarity:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} &:= Cx - b + A\lambda = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} &:= A^T x - f = 0\end{aligned}$$

In matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} C & A \\ A^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

The first row $Cx + A\lambda = b$, leading to $x = C^{-1}(b - A\lambda)$. For the second row, $A^T x = f$. Inserting the expressions for x , $A^T C^{-1}(b - A\lambda) = f$ which gives $-A^T C^{-1} A\lambda = f - A^T C^{-1} b$. The solvability requirement is that A is full rank so that $A^T C^{-1} A$ is invertible.

(c) If we maximise L over λ ,

$$p(x) := \max_{\lambda} L(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x^T Cx - b^T x & \text{if } A^T x = f \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

From $L(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Cx - b^T x + (A\lambda)^T x - \lambda^T f$,

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = Cx - b + A\lambda = 0$$

which requires $x = C^{-1}(b - A\lambda)$. Inserting this into L , gives g :

$$g(\lambda) := -\frac{1}{2}(b - A\lambda)^T C^{-1}(b - A\lambda) - \lambda^T f$$

(d) Minimising $L_{\max_{\lambda}}$ is equivalent to minimising $x^T Cx - b^T x$ subject to $A^T x = f$. The solution to our problem therefore involves maximising L with respect to λ and minimising it with respect to x . A *saddle point* is a maximum in one direction and a minimum in the other.

(e) Lagrangian is unchanged,

$$L(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Cx - b^T x + \lambda^T (Ax - f)$$

but we now require that $\lambda_i \geq 0$. This means that λ ‘penalises’ violations of the inequality constraint.

4.

- (a) i. $[\nabla \times u]_k = \epsilon_{klm} \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l}$, therefore $[\nabla \times \nabla \times u]_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\epsilon_{klm} \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l}) = \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l})$.
Applying the $\epsilon_{ijk} \delta_{ij}$ identity, $\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l}) = \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l}) - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_l}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot u) - \nabla \cdot (\nabla u)$.
- ii. Taking the curl of the $\nabla \times E$ term, $\nabla \times (\nabla \times E) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot E) - \nabla \cdot (\nabla E) = -\nabla \cdot (\nabla E)$ (since E is divergence-free). Where therefore have $\nabla \cdot (\nabla E) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times B) = \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2}$.
We therefore have the vector wave equation $\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla E)$. Following the same process for B yields $\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla B)$.
- (b) i. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \epsilon_{ijk} \phi_j u_k = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x_i} u_k + \epsilon_{ijk} \phi_j \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} = \epsilon_{kij} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x_i} u_k - \epsilon_{jik} \phi_j \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} = u \cdot (\nabla \times \phi) - \phi \cdot (\nabla \times u)$.
- ii. Introducing $v := \nabla \times u$, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} w \cdot (\nabla \times v) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} w \cdot \alpha u d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} w \cdot f d\Omega$$

Note that

$$\int_{\Omega} w \cdot (\nabla \times v) d\Omega = - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (w \times v) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot (\nabla \times w) d\Omega$$

Applying divergence theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} w \cdot (\nabla \times v) d\Omega &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} (w \times v) \cdot n d\Gamma + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot (\nabla \times w) d\Omega \\ &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} v \cdot (n \times w) d\Gamma + \int_{\Omega} v \cdot (\nabla \times w) d\Omega \end{aligned}$$

The weak form is therefore

$$\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \times u) \cdot (\nabla \times w) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \alpha u \cdot w d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot w d\Omega$$

- iii. From the result in (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \times u) \cdot \psi d\Omega &= \int_{\Omega} u \cdot (\nabla \times \psi) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (\psi \times u) d\Omega \\ &= \int_{\Omega} u \cdot (\nabla \times \psi) d\Omega - \sum_i \int_{S_i} (\psi \times u) \cdot n d\Gamma \\ &= \int_{\Omega} u \cdot (\nabla \times \psi) d\Omega - \sum_i \int_{S_i} \psi \cdot (n \times u) d\Gamma \end{aligned}$$

which requires that the tangential components of u must be continuous across surfaces. *The normal component across surfaces may be discontinuous.*